



Consolidated version of

The Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment's (Swedac) Regulations (STAFS 2010:11) for Accredited Environmental Verifiers according to Emas;

made on 29 November 2010.

As amended. The most recent amendments (STAFS 2014:8) came into force on 1 October 2014.

Scope

1 § These regulations apply to bodies that are accredited or bodies applying for accreditation by Swedac as environmental verifiers according to the Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS), repealing Regulation (EC) No 761/2001 and Commission Decisions 2001/681/EC and 2006/193/EC¹.

These regulations are a supplement to Swedac's Regulations (STAFS 2010:10) and General Guidelines for Accreditation.

Definitions

2 § These regulations use the definitions given in article 2 of Emas.

Requirements for accredited environmental verifiers

3 § Only legal entities may be accredited as environmental verifiers.

4 § An accredited environmental verifier shall fulfil the requirements in chapter V of Emas.

5 § An environmental verifier shall, in addition to the requirements in Emas, fulfil the requirements in the standard SS-EN ISO/IEC 17021:2011 - Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems

When applying SS-EN ISO/IEC 17021:2011

1. *certification body* means environmental verifier
2. *certification* means verification and validation according to Emas. (STAFS 2013:1).

¹ EUT L 342, 22.12.2009, s. 1 (Celex 32009R1221)

Application for accreditation

6 § Requirements concerning how to specify the accreditation scope when applying is defined in article 20(1), second paragraph, in Emas.

The environmental verifier shall have procedures to analyse the competence needs and to ensure their competence for the accreditation scope applied for. The result of the environmental verifier's evaluation of available competence for each accreditation scope shall be enclosed to this application. A list of scopes for which specific knowledge is required is given in the appendices to these regulations.

Assessment prior to the decision on accreditation and surveillance

7 § An environmental verifier shall, in connection to new accreditation, provide Swedac, as part of the accreditation assessment, with the opportunity of participating as an observer of verification and validation performed according to the procedures of environmental verifier's routines.

The environmental verifier shall, when applying for accreditation and at least two months before the revision, provide information on scheduled assignments under Emas.

An accredited environmental verifier shall give Swedac the opportunity to participate as an observer of verifications and validations when this is necessary for Swedac's evaluation of an application for accreditation or surveillance. *(STAFS 2013:1)*

Registration

8 § According to 5 § of the Voluntary Eco-management and Audit Regulations (SFS 2007:956), the Swedish Environmental Management Council is the competent registration body under article 11 of Emas. The registration of organisations is described in chapter II of Emas.

9 § *repealed by (STAFS 2013:1).*

Miscellaneous

10 § Assignments as an environmental verifier according to Emas, performed prior to the accreditation decision may be given validity as verification and validation under accreditation if the environmental verifier makes a reassessment of the conditions for accreditation. Such reassessment shall be documented by the environmental verifier.

11 § *repealed by (STAFS 2014:8).*

12 § In individual cases and if special circumstances so require, Swedac may grant dispensation from these regulations.

STAFS 2010:11

These regulations come into force on 11 January 2011, on which date the Board's regulations and general guidelines (STAFS 2008:3) on accreditation of environmental verifiers will cease to apply.

STAFS 2013:1

These regulations come into force on 1 February 2013.

Older provisions still apply in relation environmental verifiers accredited before, 1 February 2013, until 1 mars 2013.

STAFS 2014:8

These regulations come into force on 1 October 2014.

Guidelines

repealed by STAFS 2013:1.

Appendix

Industry sectors where specific environmental knowledge is required

The table is an indication on industry sectors and code classification according to the Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the standard SNI 2007, where specific environmental knowledge is required. The classification is used in connection with application on accreditation and to define the accreditation scope.

NACE/SNI-code	Industry sector	EA code
01	Agriculture, hunting and related service activities	01
02	Forestry	01
03	Fishing and operation of fish hatcheries	01
05	Mining of coal	02
06	Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	02
07	Mining of metal ores	02
08	Other mining of minerals	02
10	Manufacture of food products	03
11	Manufacture of beverages	03
12	Manufacture of tobacco products	03
15:11	Tanning and dressing of leather, fur	05
16:1	Sawmilling and planing of wood	06
17	Manufacture of paper and paper products	07
19	Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products	10
24.46	Nuclear fuel	11
20	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	12
21	Manufacture of pharmaceutical base products and medicine	13
22	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	14
23.1-4, 23.7-9	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products (except cement, limestone, plaster etc)	15
23.5-6	Manufacture of cement, limestone, plaster etc	16
24 exkl 24.46	Manufacture of steel and metals	17
29	Manufacture of vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	22
35.1	Electricity supply (power station)	25
35.2	Gas supply (gasworks)	26
35.3, 36	Water supply	27
37	Sewage	39, part of
38.3	Recycling	24
39	Slum-clearance, after-treatment of soil and water and also other similar activities	39, part of
41	Building constructions	28
42	Construction work	28
43	Specialized building and construction activity	28
49	Land transport, transport in pipe systems	31
50	Sea transport	31
51	Air transport	31
86	Health and social work	38