

TUV USA INC. – Certification according to ISO 14001 and EMAS



ISO 14001 is a worldwide standard for environmental management systems. EMAS stands for Eco-Management and Auditing Scheme. Audits to ISO 14001/EMAS consider both environmental management systems and environment-related operation for organisations that wish to improve their environmental performance.

Significance of the standard

Certification according to EMAS includes requirements which extend beyond those of the worldwide ISO 14001 standard. Among others, these include the obligation to undertake an environmental review, to make use of the best technology available and to present the environmental management of the organisation to the general public in the form of an environmental statement. The objective is to achieve continual improvement over and above legal environmental requirements. EMAS participants are entered into a public register and receive a certificate from the relevant registration body.

Target groups for certification

Certification according to ISO 14001/EMAS can in principle be used by any organisation. Decisive factors are the sector, sales market and objectives in the area of public relations.

Certification content

Amongst other aspects, certification according to ISO 14001 with EMAS validation takes the following into consideration:

- Environmental policy, objectives and programmes
- Continual improvement of environmental performance
- Audit scheme
- Adherence to environmental legislation/legal conformity
- Registration with the relevant Chamber of Industry and Commerce/ Chamber of Trade and Crafts



Benefits of certification

Voluntary obligation to actively operate an environmental management system means that non-calculable risks are avoided and entrepreneurial opportunities opened up. Benefits which are worthwhile in many ways:

- Cost saving through continual improvement of operational/active environmental protection
- Saving of resources (e.g. energy, water)
- Timely implementation of environmental protection measures
- Reduced fees for approval procedures
- High level of legal compliance and demonstrability with regard to measures designed to create trust in relation to customers, official authorities, insurance companies and the general public
- Fulfilment of customer requirements as regards environmental friendliness (prerequisite for approval as supplier)
- Image enhancement as an environmentally-aware organisation
- Reduction of environmental risks

Our know-how for your success

TUV USA is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services throughout the world. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are in general permanently employed. This guarantees independence and neutrality and also means that we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

The route to the certificate



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