



# **Rules for the certification of Environmental Management Systems**

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## **CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN CONFORMITY WITH ISO14001:2015**

### **CHAPTER 1 GENERAL**

#### **1.1**

These Rules define the additional and/or substitutive procedures applied by RINA for the certification of Environmental Management Systems in relation to what is already defined in the

General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems

The paragraphs of these Rules refer to (and maintain the same numbering of) the corresponding paragraphs of the General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems for which changes and/or additions have been made.

#### **1.2**

RINA issues certification in accordance with the requirements of the ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 Standard to organizations whose Management System has been recognized as fully conforming to all the requirements of the

ISO 14001:2015 standard.

### **CHAPTER 2 REFERENCE STANDARD / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **2.1**

In addition to what is stated in the General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems, to obtain RINA certification an Environmental Management System must first and henceforth satisfy the requirements of ISO 14001 and the additional requirements of the accreditation bodies (e.g.: ACCREDIA documents "RT-09").

### **CHAPTER 3 INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

#### **3.1**

In addition to what is defined in the General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems, the Organization is to inform RINA of any activities/sites excluded from the scope of application of the Environmental Management System, for the purpose of checking the admissibility of such exclusions

### 3.4

In addition to what is stated in the General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems, together with or following the certification request, the Organization is to make available to RINA the list of the environmental authorizations held by the organization and a list of the environmental fulfillments applicable to the organization by filling in the "List of environmental authorizations and fulfillments" (attached to the offer) or providing equivalent documentation.

RINA examines the above documents for conformity with the reference standard and with the requirements of these Rules.

## CHAPTER 4 MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

### 4.2

In addition to what is stated in the General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems, the organization must keep records of:

- environmental aspects/impacts;
- environmental accidents/emergencies on the site/s and other events that could have had negative effects on the environment;
- any complaints received concerning environmental impacts;
- any observations or reports from national or local authorities responsible for environmental control

and must make them available to RINA together with the relative corrective action implemented during the periodic audits.

The organisation must keep RINA informed of any observations/remarks from national or local authorities responsible for environmental control and of any situations of legislative non-compliance related to all the organisation's activities, regardless of the field of application of the Environmental Management System.

## **CHAPTER 6 PERFORMANCE OF AUDIT**

### **6.1.3**

In addition to what is stated in p. 3.6 of the General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems, the term non-conformity also refers to a situation such as to reduce the capacity of the management system to ensure control of environmental aspects/impacts and/or compliance with legislation.<sup>1</sup>

## **CHAPTER 9 SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR MULTI-SITE ORGANISATIONS**

### **9.1**

In addition to what is stated in the General Rules for the Certification of Management Systems, also the following activities are to be managed by the organization's head office:

- environmental site analysis;
- modification of associated aspects and impacts for environmental management systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Legal requirements mean:

- Legal limits and/or provisions;
- Limits and/or provisions indicated on authorisations or other regulatory documents, etc



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