

2009 Environment Management System Commitment

An Environmental Management System (EMS) is a tool for managing the impacts of an organisation's current and future activities on the environment. An EMS is a structured approach to planning, implementing and continuously improving environmental protection measures.

The objective of including an EMS commitment in the Product Stewardship Program is to demonstrate environmentally responsible manufacturing, storage and transport practices by the PVC industry.

Commitment

Signatories commit to having their Environmental Management System meeting one or more of the following standards:

- *ISO14001*
- *Responsible Care*
- *PVC Industry Minimum Acceptable Standard*

For those Signatories with Environmental Management Systems that do not yet meet the PVC Industry Minimum Standard and are not Signatories to Responsible Care or certified to ISO14001, it is proposed that these Signatories take the necessary steps to achieve the following:

- *75% of the PVC Industry Minimum Acceptable Standard requirements by the end of 2008*
- *85% of the PVC Industry Minimum Acceptable Standard requirements by the end of 2009*
- *All of the PVC Industry Minimum Acceptable Standard by the end of 2010*

Signatories are further expected to show that the Product Stewardship Program commitments are embedded into their company's current Business Management Systems

eg. Signatories certified to ISO14001 incorporate the PSP commitments into their EMS.