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FINALLY, CLARITY AND TRANSPARENCY ON TRANSPORT'S GHG EMISSIONS!

**No more "Home-made" calculators and
other poor averages on the market...**

The **MTES decree of February 26, 2019** sets the foundation for third-party control of GHG calculations:

- With this new text, the Ministry of Ecology sets up a **system for the voluntary verification by COFRAC-accredited bodies** (or equivalent) of the services provided to calculate the information on the quantity of greenhouse gases (GHGs) emitted during a transport service.

As a reminder, Articles D. 1431-1 to D. 1431-23 of the Transport Code lay down the calculation principles common to all modes of transport (rail or guided, road, inland waterway, maritime, air) and the procedures for informing the beneficiary. The methodology of calculation is based on the European standard for the calculation and reporting of energy and greenhouse gas emissions from transport services (EN 16258).

These regulatory provisions, combined with the obligation for large companies **to no longer use default values as of July 2019**, reinforce the strategy of TK'Blue Agency, whose **GHG calculator was, as of September 2013, verified by Bureau Veritas as compliant with the provisions of the French decree**, thus anticipating well in advance the provisions of this new decree.

TK'Blue will request the renewal of its third-party verification on the basis of these new requirements as soon as COFRAC has established the accreditation framework for the bodies in charge of these verifications and they are known and accredited. This verification should be a simple formality given that **TK'Blue's GHG calculator complies with the original ministerial decree and adapts to the various regulatory changes** (2017 decree).

At a time when international initiatives and TK'Blue Agency are pushing for the adoption of an ISO standard as an extension of the European standard EN 16 258 to establish **transparency** between different methodologies and calculations carried out by different tools, the verification system set up in France, and based on accreditation by a signatory body of the multilateral EA agreement (European cooperation for accreditation), constitutes to date the best possible international recognition of GHG calculations. Indeed, the accreditation of the verifier by an EA member (see box*) reinforces the international recognition of their certificates.

TK'Blue Agency supports this approach by actively cooperating in international harmonization work (such as that carried out by GLEC manufacturers) and by formalizing its participation in financing future ISO standardization work.

***Framed on EA's MLA agreement:**

The Multilateral Agreement EA (European cooperation for accreditation, <https://european-accreditation.org/ea-members/directory-of-ea-members-and-mla-signatories>) is an agreement signed between the members of EA by which the signatories recognize and accept the equivalence of the accreditation systems used by the signatory members, as well as the reliability of the results of conformity assessment provided by the conformity assessment bodies (CABs) accredited by the signatory members. It makes effective the objective "Accredited once, accepted everywhere". Market acceptance of conformity assessment results provided by conformity assessment bodies accredited by EA MLA signatories is of major importance for the European internal market by facilitating cross-border trade and demonstrating compliance with European legislation for products and services that contribute to the protection of health, safety and the environment.

About TK'Blue Agency

TK'Blue is a transportation labelling and rating agency organized as a service platform. It measures, scores and evaluates the eco-responsible performance of each of the players - transport operators and instructing parties - in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements relating to CO₂ emissions and CSR, at national and European level (Bureau Veritas certified).

Its European governance, made up of more than seventy representatives of all the logistics chain stakeholders, allows it to ensure its legitimacy, credibility, evolution and independence in the long term.

The platform is accessible in SaaS mode in the Cloud, which is free for all freight carriers across all modes.

Large groups like Carrefour, Michelin and Saint-Gobain have already adopted the TK'Blue approach. By combining the eco-responsibility and economic performance of logistics choices, TK'Blue meets the demands of each transport operator: control of transport flows, alert in the event of a downturn in quality, mitigation of the consequences of poor transport purchases, commitment to a CSR policy, and the response to CO₂/GHG and CSR regulations and legislation.

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