

European Parliament and Council Directive 94/63/EC of 20 December 1994
on the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions resulting from
the storage of petrol and its distribution from terminals to service stations

Article 3

Storage installations at terminals

1 Storage installations shall be designed and operated in accordance with the technical provisions of Annex I.

These provisions are designed to reduce the total annual loss of petrol resulting from loading and storage at each storage installation at terminals to below the target reference value of 0,01 weight by weight (w/w) % of the throughput.

Member States may maintain or require more stringent measures throughout their territory or in geographical areas where it is established that such measures are necessary for the protection of human health or the environment owing to specific conditions.

Member States may adopt technical measures for the reduction of losses of petrol other than those set down in Annex I if such alternative measures are demonstrated to have at least the same efficiency.

Member States shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any existing measures or of any special measures referred to in this paragraph which they contemplate taking and of their grounds for taking them.

2 The provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply:

- a from the date referred to in Article 10 for new installations;
- b three years from the date referred to in Article 10 for existing installations if the throughput loaded at a terminal is greater than 50 000 tonnes/year;
- c six years from the date referred to in Article 10 for existing installations if the throughput loaded at a terminal is greater than 25 000 tonnes/year;
- d nine years from the date referred to in Article 10 for all other existing storage installations at terminals.