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► **B** **DIRECTIVE 2001/81/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**
of 23 October 2001
on national emission ceilings for certain atmospheric pollutants
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► <u>M2</u>	Regulation (EC) No 219/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009	L 87	109	31.3.2009
► <u>M3</u>	Council Directive 2013/17/EU of 13 May 2013	L 158	193	10.6.2013
► <u>M4</u>	Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016	L 344	1	17.12.2016

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► <u>A1</u>	Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded	L 236	33	23.9.2003
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▼ B**DIRECTIVE 2001/81/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AND OF THE COUNCIL****of 23 October 2001****on national emission ceilings for certain atmospheric pollutants***Article 1***Objective**

The aim of this Directive is to limit emissions of acidifying and eutrophying pollutants and ozone precursors in order to improve the protection in the Community of the environment and human health against risks of adverse effects from acidification, soil eutrophication and ground-level ozone and to move towards the long-term objectives of not exceeding critical levels and loads and of effective protection of all people against recognised health risks from air pollution by establishing national emission ceilings, taking the years 2010 and 2020 as benchmarks, and by means of successive reviews as set out in Articles 4 and 10.

▼ M4**▼ B***Article 4***National emission ceilings**

1. By the year 2010 at the latest, Member States shall limit their annual national emissions of the pollutants sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOC) and ammonia (NH₃) to amounts not greater than the emission ceilings laid down in Annex I, taking into account any modifications made by Community measures adopted following the reports referred to in Article 9.

2. Member States shall ensure that the emission ceilings laid down in Annex I are not exceeded in any year after 2010.

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ANNEX I

NATIONAL EMISSION CEILINGS FOR SO₂, NO_x, VOC AND NH₃, TO BE ATTAINED BY 2010 ⁽¹⁾

Country	SO ₂ Kilotonnes	NO _x Kilotonnes	VOC Kilotonnes	NH ₃ Kilotonnes
Belgium	99	176	139	74
Bulgaria ⁽²⁾	836	247	175	108
Czech Republic	265	286	220	80
Denmark	55	127	85	69
Germany	520	1 051	995	550
Estonia	100	60	49	29
Ireland	42	65	55	116
Greece	523	344	261	73
Spain	746	847	662	353
France	375	810	1 050	780
Croatia ⁽³⁾	70	87	90	30
Italy	475	990	1 159	419
Cyprus	39	23	14	9
Latvia	101	61	136	44
Lithuania	145	110	92	84
Luxembourg	4	11	9	7
Hungary	500	198	137	90
Malta	9	8	12	3
Netherlands	50	260	185	128
Austria	39	103	159	66
Poland	1 397	879	800	468
Portugal	160	250	180	90
Romania ⁽²⁾	918	437	523	210
Slovenia	27	45	40	20
Slovakia	110	130	140	39
Finland	110	170	130	31
Sweden	67	148	241	57
United Kingdom	585	1 167	1 200	297

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Country	SO ₂ Kilotonnes	NO _x Kilotonnes	VOC Kilotonnes	NH ₃ Kilotonnes
EU 28	8 367	9 090	8 938	4 324

(¹) These national emission ceilings are designed with the aim of broadly meeting the interim environmental objectives set out in Article 5. Meeting those objectives is expected to result in a reduction of soil eutrophication to such an extent that the area of the Union with depositions of nutrient nitrogen in excess of the critical loads will be reduced by about 30 % compared with the situation in 1990.

(²) These national emission ceilings are temporary and are without prejudice to the review according to Article 10 of this Directive, which is to be completed in 2008.

(³) The national emission ceilings for Croatia are to be attained by the date of its accession to the Union.

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