

Directive 2004/107/EC of the European Parliament and of the
Council of 15 December 2004 relating to arsenic, cadmium,
mercury, nickel and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in ambient air

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Directive the definitions in Article 2 of Directive 96/62/EC, with the exception of the definition of ‘target value’, shall apply.

The objectives of this Directive shall be to:

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| (a) ‘target value’ | means a concentration in the ambient air fixed with the aim of avoiding, preventing or reducing harmful effects on human health and the environment as a whole, to be attained where possible over a given period; |
| (b) ‘total or bulk deposition’ | means the total mass of pollutants which is transferred from the atmosphere to surfaces (e.g. soil, vegetation, water, buildings, etc.) in a given area within a given time; |
| (c) ‘upper assessment threshold’ | means a level specified in Annex II below which a combination of measurements and modelling techniques may be used to assess ambient air quality, in accordance with Article 6(3) of Directive 96/62/EC; |
| (d) ‘lower assessment threshold’ | means a level specified in Annex II below which the sole use of modelling or objective estimation techniques shall be possible to assess ambient air quality, in accordance with Article 6(4) of Directive 96/62/EC; |
| (e) ‘fixed measurements’ | means measurements taken at fixed sites either continuously or by random sampling, in accordance with Article 6(5) of Directive 96/62/EC; |
| (f) ‘arsenic’,
‘cadmium’,
‘nickel’ and
‘benzo(a)pyrene’ | mean the total content of these elements and compounds in the PM ₁₀ fraction; |
| (g) ‘PM ₁₀ ’ | means particulate matter, which passes through a size-selective inlet as defined in EN 12341 with a 50 % efficiency cut-off at 10 µm aerodynamic diameter; |
| (h) ‘polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons’ | means those organic compounds, composed of at least two fused aromatic rings made entirely from carbon and hydrogen; |
| (i) ‘total gaseous mercury’ | means elemental mercury vapour (Hg ⁰) and reactive gaseous mercury, i.e. water-soluble mercury species with sufficiently high vapour pressure to exist in the gas phase. |