

Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and amending Council Directive 85/337/EEC, European Parliament and Council Directives 2000/60/EC, 2001/80/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2006/12/EC, 2008/1/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 (Text with EEA relevance)

## CHAPTER 1

### SUBJECT MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

#### *Article 2*

#### **Scope and prohibition**

- 1 This Directive shall apply to the geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in the territory of the Member States, their exclusive economic zones and on their continental shelves within the meaning of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos).
- 2 This Directive shall not apply to geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, with a total intended storage below 100 kilotonnes, undertaken for research, development or testing of new products and processes.
- 3 The storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in a storage site with a storage complex extending beyond the area referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be permitted.
- 4 The storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in the water column shall not be permitted.