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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2010 No. 188**

**The Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010**

**PART 2**

**Assessment of ambient air quality**

**CHAPTER 1**

**Sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxides of nitrogen,  
particulate matter, lead, benzene and carbon monoxide**

**Assessment thresholds**

6.—(1) The Department shall classify each zone according to whether or not the upper or lower assessment thresholds specified in Section A of Annex II to the Directive are exceeded in relation to sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter, lead, benzene and carbon monoxide in ambient air.

(2) The Department shall review the classification of zones carried out in accordance with paragraph (1) at least every five years, and shall do so more frequently if there are significant changes in the activities which may affect levels of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter, lead, benzene or carbon monoxide in ambient air.

(3) When reviewing the classification of zones in accordance with paragraph (2), the Department shall comply with Section B of Annex II to the Directive.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 6 in operation at 11.6.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010, Section 6.