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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**The Air Quality Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2010**

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**THE AIR QUALITY STANDARDS  
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2010**

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SCHEDULE 1 Sampling points for measurement of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter, lead, benzene and carbon monoxide in ambient air  
PART 1

1. General
2. Compliance with limit values directed at the protection of human...
3. Insofar as they are relevant, the principles set out in...

PART 2

1. Macroscale siting of sampling points (sampling points for the protection of human health)
2. Sampling points must in general be sited to avoid measuring...
3. Sampling points in urban background locations must be located so...
4. Where the objective is to assess rural background levels, the...
5. Where contributions from industrial sources are to be assessed, at...
6. Sampling points must also, where possible, be representative of similar...
7. Account must be taken of the need to locate sampling...
8. Macroscale siting of sampling points (sampling points for the protection of ecosystems and vegetation)
9. Sampling points must be located so as to be representative...

PART 3

1. Microscale siting of sampling points
- 1A Any deviation from the criteria set out in this Part...
2. The following factors may also be taken into account:—

SCHEDULE 2 Limit values

The maximum daily eight hour mean concentration of carbon monoxide...

SCHEDULE 3 Target values

(a) The maximum daily eight hour mean concentration must be selected...

SCHEDULE 4 Long term objectives for ozone

SCHEDULE 5 Information and alert thresholds

(a) To be measured over three consecutive hours at locations...

SCHEDULE 6 Critical levels for the protection of vegetation

SCHEDULE 7 Information to be included in air quality plans

1. Localisation of excess pollution— (a) region; (b) city (map);
2. General information— (a) type of zone (city, industrial, rural);
3. Responsible authorities (names and addresses of persons responsible for the...)
4. Nature and assessment of pollution— (a) concentrations observed over previous...
5. Origin of pollution— (a) list of the main emission sources...
6. Analysis of the situation— (a) details of those factors responsible...
7. Details of those measures or projects for improvements which existed...
8. Details of those measures or projects adopted with a view...
9. Details of the measures or projects planned or being researched...
10. List of the publications, documents and work etc. used to...

SCHEDULE 8 Public information in relation to information and alert thresholds for nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and ozone

1. In cases where either the information threshold or the alert...
2. In cases where either the information or alert thresholds are...
3. Information on any incident where information or alert thresholds are...
4. Forecast for the following afternoon, day and days—
5. Information on the type of population concerned, possible health effects...

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6. Information provided under this Schedule must also include—  
Explanatory Note

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