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**The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2007**

**PART 2**

**Group A and Group B pollutants and ozone**

**CHAPTER 1**

**Air Quality Standards**

**Preliminary and application**

- 4.—**(1) This Part applies in respect of the following pollutants—
- (a) Group A pollutants;
  - (b) Group B pollutants; and
  - (c) ozone.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall ensure that all measures taken under Chapters 2 or 3 of this Part—
- (a) take into account an integrated approach to the protection of air, water and soil; and
  - (b) have no significant negative effect on—
    - (i) any other member State; or
    - (ii) any other part of the United Kingdom.

**Zones and agglomerations**

- 5.—**(1) The Secretary of State shall, for the purposes of this Part, divide the territory of England into zones.
- (2) A zone shall be classified as an agglomeration for the purposes of this Part where—
- (a) it has a population in excess of 250,000 inhabitants; or
  - (b) in any other case, the Secretary of State determines that its population density per km<sup>2</sup> is sufficiently high to justify such a classification.
- (3) The Secretary of State may establish different zones for different pollutants where he considers this appropriate.

**Air quality standards**

- 6.—**(1) Schedule 1 prescribes the following air quality standards—
- (a) for Group A pollutants, the limit values set out in Part 1 of that Schedule;
  - (b) for Group B pollutants, the target values set out in Part 3 of that Schedule; and
  - (c) for ozone, the target values and long-term objectives set out in Part 4 of that Schedule.
- (2) Limit values—

- (a) shall be attained by the attainment date specified for the limit value concerned; or
- (b) apply when these Regulations come into force, if no attainment date is specified.
- (3) Target values shall be attained from the attainment date specified, in so far as this is possible.
- (4) In the case of benzene and nitrogen dioxide, the margins of tolerance set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1 apply within the periods specified.