
**PUBLIC HEALTH (NATIONAL EMISSION CEILINGS) RULES,
2003**

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Rules made under section 337 of the Public Health Act and section 23 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Act.

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Title.

1. These rules may be cited as the Public Health (National Emission Ceilings) Rules 2003.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In these rules—

“emission” means the release of a substance from a point or diffuse source into the atmosphere, with the exception of—

- (a) emissions from international maritime traffic; and
- (b) aircraft emissions beyond the landing and take-off cycle, being a cycle represented by the following time in each operating mode:
 - (i) 4 minutes for approach;
 - (ii) 26 minutes for taxi/ground idle;
 - (iii) 0.7 minutes for take-off; and
 - (iv) 2.2 minutes for climb;

“Minister” means the Minister for the Environment;

“nitrogen oxides” means nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide, expressed as nitrogen dioxide;

“relevant pollutant” means sulphur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOC) or ammonia (NH₃);

“volatile organic compound” means all organic compounds (other than methane) arising from human activities which are capable of producing photochemical oxidants by reactions with nitrogen oxides in the presence of sunlight.

(2) For the purposes of rules 4(5) and 5(4), the “public” includes any organisation or body representing or having an interest in the environment, health, business or consumers.

National emission ceilings.

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3. The Minister shall ensure that in 2010 and each year thereafter the total emissions within Gibraltar of each relevant pollutant do not exceed the amount specified in the Schedule for that pollutant.

National programmes.

4.(1) The Minister shall prepare a programme which, when taken with any programme prepared by the Secretary of State under regulation 4 of the National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2002 in respect of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will result in the progressive reduction of the aggregate emissions of the relevant pollutants within Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Gibraltar.

(2) The programme prepared by the Minister pursuant to the previous paragraph shall be prepared having regard to article 5 and article 6(1) and (2) of Directive 2001/81 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2001 on national emission ceilings for certain atmospheric pollutants.

(3) The Minister may review the programme from time to time and shall update and revise it, as necessary, by 1 October 2006.

(4) Public authorities shall have regard to the programme when exercising any functions which significantly affect the level of emissions within Gibraltar of the relevant pollutants.

(5) The Minister shall take appropriate steps to ensure that the programme is made available to the public and is clear, comprehensible and easily accessible.

Emissions inventories and projections

5.(1) The Minister shall prepare and annually update—

- (a) national emission inventories of the relevant pollutants; and
- (b) emission projections for the relevant pollutants for 2010.

(2) The emissions inventories and projections referred to in subrule (1) shall be prepared and updated using the methodologies in the joint EMEP/CORINAIR Atmospheric Emission Inventory Guidebook, third edition, 2001, published by the European Environment Agency.

(3) The projection referred to in subrule (1)(b) shall include information to enable a quantitative understanding of the key socio-economic assumptions used in its preparation.

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(4) The Minister shall take appropriate steps to ensure that the emissions inventories and projections referred to in subrule (1) are made available to the public.

SCHEDULE

Rule 3

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The amount specified for the purpose of rule 3 is the relevant figure shown in the table below less the emissions of that pollutant from Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the relevant year. The figures are in kilotonnes.

SO ₂	NO _x	VOC	NH ₃
585	1,167	1,200	297