

Directive 2008/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 21 May 2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe

CHAPTER III

**AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

*Article 16*

**PM<sub>2,5</sub> target value and limit value for the protection of human health**

- 1 Member States shall take all necessary measures not entailing disproportionate costs to ensure that concentrations of PM<sub>2,5</sub> in ambient air do not exceed the target value laid down in Section D of Annex XIV as from the date specified therein.
- 2 Member States shall ensure that concentrations of PM<sub>2,5</sub> in ambient air do not exceed the limit value laid down in Section E of Annex XIV throughout their zones and agglomerations as from the date specified therein. Compliance with this requirement shall be assessed in accordance with Annex III.
- 3 The margin of tolerance laid down in Section E of Annex XIV shall apply in accordance with Article 23(1).