
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Air Quality Limit Values Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 ([S.R. 2002 No. 94](#)) (the “2002 Regulations”) and the Air Quality (Ozone) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 ([S.R. 2003 No. 240](#)) (the “2003 Regulations”).

The Regulations amend the 2002 Regulations and the 2003 Regulations for the purpose of implementing Article 2 of Directive [2003/35/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on public participation in respect of the drawing up of certain plans and programmes relating to the environment⁽¹⁾.

Regulation 4 adds an alternative method for the sampling and measurement of PM₁₀ to bring it in line with the methods provided for in Council Directive [99/30/EC](#) relating to limit values for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter and lead in ambient air⁽²⁾.

(1) O.J. No. L156, 25.6.2003, p. 17

(2) O.J. No. L163, 29.6.1999, p. 41, amended by Commission Decision [2001/744/EC](#), O.J. No. L278, 23.10.2001, p. 35