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The Air Quality Limit Values (Wales) Regulations 2001

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THE AIR QUALITY LIMIT VALUES (WALES) REGULATIONS 2001

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PART I — **Reference method for the analysis of sulphur dioxide;**
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- SCHEDULE 7 **INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN OR PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVEMENT OF AIR QUALITY**
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9. *Details of the measures or projects planned or being researched for the long term.*

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10. **List of the publications, documents, work etc used to supplement information requested in this Schedule.**

Explanatory Note