

UPDATE AND REVISION of TURKISH AIR QUALITY REGULATION

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ABSTRACT

In order to control pollution in accordance with the current Turkish Constitution of 1982, an environmental law was passed in 1983 which aimed at the control and improvement of the environment; preservation of land and natural resources; prevention of water, land and air pollution; preservation of the animal habitat, historical and natural values; improving present and future health civillisation and living conditions; and establishing themes plus realistic economic and social plans to fullfill these aims.

Based on the fundamentals of the Turkish Environmental Law of 1983, The Air Quality Assurance Regulation was issued on October 1986. This regulation was basically a direct translation of the German TA-Luft of 1984. The main thrust of The Air Quality Assurance Regulation was to effect industry, domestic heating and ambient air quality and traffic which previously had not been represented according to the weight of their emission contributions.

Two new regulations, "Industry Related Air Pollution Control Regulation" and "Heating Related Air Pollution Control Regulation", presented by the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forest, came into force on 7 October, 2004 and 13 January 2005, respectively. The Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forest is planning to publish two more regulations, on traffic-related air pollution control and ambient air quality.

In this study, we have critised industrial and heating-related air pollution control regulations on legal, technical, administrative, practical and global bases. A comparison of these two new regulations with EU Directives has also been made.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In a previous paper we reported a fundemental weaknesses of the Turkish Air Quality Assurance Regulation (AQAR): its misapplication to the actual conditions in the country (Okutan et al., 1997) A contradiction between the characteristics of the fuels produced and emissions limits imposed to these fuels, and classification of the industrial sectors not reflecting the structure of the industry, are given as two examples. The reason given for the weakness of the Regulation was the fact that it was mostly a translation of it from German regulation in 1986 (Official Gazette, 1986). AQAR was issued as a continued environmental legal structuring in Turkey based on the 1982 Constitution and the Environment Law of 1983. AQAR generally deals with ambient air quality, industrial installations, and the utilisation of fuels for heating. The restrictions on the ambient air-quality limiting values are imposed differently for general, heavy industrial and special conserved areas on long and short term bases. On the other hand, bases for target limiting values, clean air plans and modelling are established. The industrial installations are categorised in three groups: high-polluting installations (HPI); installations subject to permit (ISP); and installations not subject to permit (INSP) The fuel utilisation for heating purposes is given under "combustion installations "title and in high polluting installations and installation subject to permit categories. Vehicles are not dealt with in AQAR..

AQAR had limited success in the establishment of sound air-quality assurance in the country due to many reasons: lack of implementation structure and resources; inadequate fuel supply to the country; contradictions between authority and responsibility; slow responce in the bureaucratic structure; failure to include representatives of industrial stakeholders; regulation falling behind the fast developments in some industrial sectors; and inspection and economic deficiencies. However, it should be noted here that acute air pollution problems experinced in some of the populated cities in Turkey were resolved to a significant degree thanks to utilisation control of the quality of fuel. Due to the massive harmonisation efforts of the legal system with the EU, new regulations are being issued to replace the AQAR. The Industry Related Air Pollution Control Regulation (IRAPCR) (Official Gazette, 2004) and Heating Related Air Pollution Control Regulation (HRAPCR) (Official Gazette, 2005) were issued 7 July 2004 and 13 January 2005, respectively. And two more regulations, on ambient air quality assurance and control of vehicle emissions, are also being prepared. Regarding air quality, preperation of "The Air Framework Draft Law " is planned for the harmonisation with EU Directive (2001/80/EC), concerning large combustion installations and "Air Quality Framework Directive". There are ongoing preperations for "Large Heating Installations" (LHI) which have thermal power output higher than 50 MW, and for the creation of "emissions trading." Completion of all these preparations will meet most of the harmonisation program of Turkish Air Quality System with the EU.

2. COMPARISON of INDUSTRY RELATED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATION and AIR QUALITY ASSURANCE REGULATION

AQAR consists of 8 sections, 64 articles, 1 temprorary article and 10 adet appendices. The Prime Ministry's General Directory and Ministery of Health were the primary responsible authority and Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Ministry of Industry and Trade and Municipalities are the other related institutions. As explained above, the installions were grouped into ISP, INSP and and HPI according to AQAR. Furthermore, ISP had 10 main groups and 136 subgroups and HPI had 18 main groups and 43 subgroups.

The weakness of AQAR in many areas is attributed to the fact that it was not based on facts and information on the sources of polluting sources. Even today there is not a sound emission inventory in various sectors. The only complete emission factors for conventional and micro pollutants which has been realised is for the cement production plant, by the Quality and Environmental Council (Ekinci et al., 1998 and Canpolat et al., 2002) During the course of application of AQAR, sharing control of the emission permit procedure by the municipalities and the mayor's offices weakened the overall controlling operation and prevented the accumulation of emission information in one common pool. For this reason, even after 18 years a healthy emission inventory could not be established. The public and private emission measuring institutions did not use common and internationally accepted standards and equipment, and this shortcoming makes it difficult to have confidence in the accuracy of the comparable measurements after 18 years of AQAR application. Clean air plans could not be realised. The legal limits on the ambient air quality were kept at higher levels than is the case in the EU and some other countries. The renewable energy resources were not included into the provisions of AQAR. The liquid fuels produced at the refineries had sulfur contents which had no relevence to the limits imposed on SO2 emissions.

Installations classified under HPI and ISP did not represent the state of the industrial structure in the country and caused problems in application. The limiting excess oxygen for the case of inefficient and variable small scale and mostly heating installations had 13% excess oxygen limitations. On the other hand, for gas turbines operating under high excess air rates of %13-15 were restricted to 3 % excess oxygen. For the "old aged" installations having an operation life of less than 20.000 hours, the limit values were diluted and thus caused serious confusion in application. The dust emission limitation for the combustion appliances were kept high due to insufficient control technologies and resources of the country. In the chimney control issues, like flue gas discharge velocity and chimney height, there have been difficulties in application. Even though stone and sand quarries were sources of high dust emissions, the controlling capability of the AQAR was very limitted.

One of the main new concepts ushered in by the new Industry Related Air Pollution Control Regulation (IRAPCR) relates to the level of technology used in installations. Clean technologies are accepted as the priority goal. For this purpose it is accepted that for the plants in continuous operation and which have realized a successful consolidation and control (due to comparable methods, setups and operational modes), the emission limitation precautions become practical and usable, advanced and suitable to the national conditions and cleaning methods which constitute the essence of "technological level" and which comprise the foundation of the Regulation. This level dictates which waste free or minimum waste and clean production technologies should be considered before the treatment option. In the new Industry Related Air Pollution Control Regulation (IRAPCR), ISP and HPI classifications of the industries the number of sections increased and new industries were introduced. For example, under the ISP heading 10 main groups and 138 subgroups were defined, whereas for HPI 26 main groups and 61 subgroups were defined. In particular the combustion installation which was referred as Group I in HPI is branched into 8 subgroups. The extensive use of internal combustion engines in co-generation and combined cycle installations, given as disel engines and gas engines and gas turbines, are also included as new combustion installations. In this group, apart from the known fuels, petroleum coke and biomass are included as well. And others also became subject to regulation for the first time: cote, barn, slaughterhouses, and fat melting related to recovery of wastes from these operations, meat smoking, animal dung drying, plant protection and pesticise production plants, metal painting, automobile and house appliance painting, storage of petroleum and liquid fuels, yeast production, vegetable oil production and sugar and sugar molasses drying plants. This approach is generally in accordance with the structure of industry at present day Turkey. In the new Regulation, the "old plant" concept has been dismissed altogether.

IRAPCR also introduces for the first time an "efficiency concept" in air quality assurance regulation. According to this new provision, if a plant is operated at a higher efficiency than the set value, the restrictions are then calculated by multiplying with a correction factor calculated as: efficiency realised/efficiency set. Accordingly the emission limits of efficiency combustion plants may be increased, which will in the long run prevent the operation of low efficiency combustion plants.

Comparison of IRAPCR and AQAR in Terms of Emission Restrictions

For the case of ISP, the emission limits for dust, special dusts, organic gases and vapours, carcinogenic substances, flue gas velocities, chimney height and excessively dangerous substances for both regulations are compiled in Table 1. The changes are indicated in bold characters.

Emission Parameters		AQAR	IRAPCR	
Soot	Solid Fuel	< 2 Ringelman scale	≤ 3 Ringelman Scale	
	Liquid fuel, Diesel oil	< 2 Bacharach scale	≤2 Bacharach scale	
	Liquid fuel, Fuel oil number 4 and 5	< 3 Bacharach scale	\leq 3 Bacharach scale	
	Liquid fuel,, Fuel oilnumber 6	< 4 Bacharach Scale	-	
Dust (Diagram 1)	Chimneys	Max. 500 mg/m ³	Max. 325 mg/m^3	
	Loading, Handling etc.	$<3 \text{ kg/h} 300 \text{ mg/m}^3$	<1,5 kg/h 200 mg/m ³	
	Loading, Handling etc.	>3 kg/h 150 mg/m ³	1,5 <total 150="" <2,5="" dust="" m<sup="" mg="">3</total>	
	Loading, Handling etc.	-	>2,5 kg/h 100 mg/m ³	
Special Dusts		Same	Same	
Organic Gases and Vapors		Same	Same	
Carcinogenic Substances		Same	Same	
Flue Gas Velocities	TP>300 kW	>6 m/s		
	TP<300 kW		$\leq 2 \text{ m/s}$	
	200< TP<500 kW		$\geq 2 \text{ m/s}$	
	TP> 500 kW		velocity ≥ 4 m/s (compulsory conditions, may be ≥ 3 m/s).	
Chimney Height	TP<300 kW	1m above the roof		
	300 kW <i <1="" mw<="" td="" tp=""><td>1m above the roof</td><td></td></i>	1m above the roof		
	TP>1,2 MW	At least 19 m from the ground and 3 m above the roof	At least 10 m from the ground and 3 m above the roof	
	TP <500 kW		1m above the roof	
	500 kW < TP<1 MW		2m above the roof	
Exceedingly Hazardous Substances*	PCB,PCDD,PCDF	-	<0,01 ng/Nm ³	

Table 1. Emission Limits for IRAPCR and AQAR

*Instead of the 0,01 ng/Nm³ limit value cited in the regulation 0,1 ng/Nm³ value is being used.

The changes in Table 1 show that in soot control similar limits are emposed to the other fuels and the dust emission limitations are based on the load and concentration. An important change has been made on the flue gas velocities and chimney heights which had substantial application difficulties under AQAR.

Monitoring of the Ambient Air Quality at the Impact Area of the Installations

In the new approach for the installations having emmisions above a defined value, the effect of emmissons on the surrounding air quality does not need to be determined by direct measurements. The polluting substances discharged from chimneys and the other ways are reported as the mass flowrate. The related values to the mass flowrates are given in Appendix 3 in AQAR and in article 40 and Table 14-1 in IRAPCR. The differences between the two regulations are listed in Table 2.

Table 2. The Emmission Value Changes Made in the Two Regulations for Installations' Contributions to Air Polution

Emmitted Hazordous	The mass flowrates under normal working conditions and working days (kg/hr)					
Substaneces	AQAR		IRAPCR			
	From chimney	From other sources	From chimney	From other sources		
Hydrogen fluoride and Gaseous Inorganic flouride compounds	1	0.1	2	0.2		
Hydrogen sulphide	-	-	4	0.4		
Carbon Monoxide	1000	100	500	50		
Total Volatile Organic Compounds	-	-	30	3		

For the ambient air quality mesurement around the plant for the gaseous and dust polluters, the period was specified as not less than 6 months in AQAR, but this period is specified as one month for at least two stations. A passive sampling system is accepted, and for this purpose the measurement period is determined as two months for a measurement points of at least 8 different places. For the settling dust measurements, a period of two months from two stations is required.

Evaluation of the changes between the two regulations from Table 2 show that hydrogen sulphide and total volatile substances are included in IRAPCR and the carbon monoxide and flouride compounds limit values are reduced by 50% and 100 %.

Continuous Measurements

The changes in the continuous measurement of emissions in large plants are given in Table 3, which compares Appendix 2 of AQAR, and article 41 of IRAPCR.

			AQAR	IRAPCR	
Pollutant		Fuel Type	Capacity	Capacity	Parameter to be measured
Combustion (Combustion Installation)	Control	Solid and Liquid	TP*>15 GJ/h (4,167MW)	36 GJ/h (10 MW)	$\begin{array}{c} CO_2 \text{or} O_2 \\ \text{and} \ CO \end{array}$
Sulfur dioxide			100 kg/h	60 kg/h	SO ₂
Carbon monoxid other installation	le (For ns)			50 kg/h	СО

Table 3. Comparision of the Continues Emissions Required by the Two Regulations

From the table it is clear that, for the purpose of combustion control, the continuous monitoring limit of the plants was increased from 4.167 MW to 10 MW for carbon dioxide or oxygen and carbon dioxide, and the mass emission of sulphur dioxide is reduced to 60 kg/h. Carbon monoxide emission limitations are imposed for other installations for the first time, due to the issuing of IRAPCR.

The POP's group parameters are reduced, under the title of "excessive hazardous substances" in IRAPCR, for the first time.

In AQAR, the oxygen ratio in the flue gas for the small capacity heating solid fuel installations, which are usually inefficient and fluctuating, are set at very high value of 13%. On the other hand, the gas turbines which on technological reasons operate at high oxygen ratios of 13-15% were given a limiting value of 3%, which caused considerable problems in the past years.

In IRAPCR, for the solid burning installations the oxygen excess ratio is set as 6% and for internal combustion engines and for gas turbines it is set as 15%. The petroleum coke and biofuels are included in the air quality regulations for the first time. The dust emissions limit values are reduced and for the liquid fuels sulphur dioxide limiting values are increased considering the refinery capacities in the country up to 100 MW capacity. For the installations having thermal capacities up to 100 MW using liquid or multiple fuels, provided that one of the fuels is liquid and taking 3% excess oxygen as the base the sulphur dioxide limit was increased from 1700 mg/Nm³ to 2400 mg/Nm³. For the liquid fired combustion installations for 1.5% sulphur content fuels in a similar manner sulphur dioxide limit has been increased to 2400 mg/Nm³ and in case of unavailability of the proper fuel provided that it does not exceed 6 months the limit can be 3000 mg/Nm³. By this way provided that the emissions are monitored by continuous measurement at the trasient stage fuel oil and gaseous fuels may be burnt together.

Emission of of Specific Pollutants

According to AQAR the specific pollutants are classified as special dusts (SD), organic gas and vapors (OGV) and carcinogenic substances (CS). In the SD list (Appendix 3) 49 inorganic substances, in the OGV list (Appendix 4) 121 organic compounds, and in the CS list (Appendix 5) 15 special substances are included. These substances are sub divided in to 3 different classes and for each of them different volumetric and mass emission limits are listed.

In IRAPCR, SD is listed as Table 39.1, OGV as Table 39.2 and CS as Table 39.3 but there is no change in the number of pollutants and in the emission limitations. However, it is planned to bring reductions in the emission limits starting from 1.1.2007. The changes related to these polluters are given in Appendix 3 for SD group under 3 new groups in IRAPCR. These are Special Substances in Inorganic Dust Emissions (SSIDE), Table 1.1 containing a list of 21 Inorganic Vapour and Gases (IVG) containing a list of 29 pollutants totaling 96 pollutants.

238 OVG substances are listed in Table 1.2. The volumetric and mass based emission limits for these kind of polluters are reduced at an appreciable level. In order to provide the necessary backup and planning the facilities in the laboratories to improved in order to be able to perform the necessary detailed analysis required by the new Regulation. This ofcourse need to be backed up with substantial financial backing and intense accreditation efforts of the laboratories.

Measurement Frequency

In air quality control policies usually it is desired that the emission measurements should be done as frequently as posible. However this approach may cause the increase of the measurement needs to excessive levels which may result in a drop in the quality of services and raise querries on the dependability of the services. In AQAR in the emission permits measurements were necessary for every year (Article 36) or once every two years (Article 22). Whereas in IRAPCR the measurement frequency (Article 15) is widened for the plants in List A'da as 2 years and for the plantas listed in List B as 3 years.

3. HEATING RELATED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATION (HRAPCR) AND EMISSION RESTRICTIONS

HRAPCR is consisted of 35 articles and 10 Appendices. In majority of the residential regions the most dominant air pollution source during the past 10 years or so has been the fuel used for heating. For this reason both the combustion appliances and stadardisation of the has to be considered for proper polution manegement. IRAPCR generally prepared with this view and therefore favours the use of natural gas for heating purposes. The combustion installations starting with TP <15 kW are to be evaluated according to Turkish Standarts TS and EC norms to standardize them in terms of technological level and efficiency. The principal intention was to reduce the harmful effect of combustion of different quality fuels in a variety of combustors..

Fuels are defined in Article 5 as follows.

a) Coal.

- 1) Bituminous coal, bituminous coal briquettes, bituminous coal coke
- 2) Lignite, lignite briquette,
- 3) Peat briquette, peat,
- 4) Anthrasite,

5) Asfaltite.

b) Wood, Wood Derived Fuels and Other Biomass Fuels

In this section wood and wood derived fuels are defined in seven categories.

c) Liquid Fuels

Imported fuel oil with a masximum sulfur content of %1,0 and indegeneous fuel oil with maximum sulfur content 1,5 % and after 1/1/2007 indegeneous fuel oil with maximum sulfur content of 1 % also diesel gasoline, kerosene etanol and similar fuels.

d) Gaseous Fuels

City gas,natural gas, liquified petroleum gas (LPG), hidrojen, biogas, treatment gas, coke oven gas, coal bed methane, blast furnace gas, refinery gas and synthetic gas are in this list. The sulfur content of the gaseous fuels is limitted to %0.1.

Forbidden Substances

A those subtances not referred to in (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this section are forbidden to burn for heating purposes. This forfidden substances include: as petroleum coke, used mineral oil, pieces of vehicle tire, dung, solid wastes and textile wastes, cables, wet wood, painted wood, plastics, household goods excluding newspapers and food wastes and other household wastes, special wastes, medical wastes, asphalt and asphalt products, paint and paint products and fuel-oil containers. The restrictions related to the fuels defined above are given in Table 4.

CI			02,	Soot	Emission Limitations,mg/Nm ³			Heat	
	Thermal Power	Fuel Types	%		Dust	СО	NOx	НС	Loss
					mg/Nm ³	mg/Nm ³	mg/kWh	as	flue
	(TP)							CH4	gas
	1 ***							ppm	(%)
	kW								
SF	TP≤15	Coal Wood	13	<1RS	150				
SF	15 <tp<1000< td=""><td></td><td>8</td><td><1 RS</td><td>150</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tp<1000<>		8	<1 RS	150				
		Coal Wood							
SF	15 <tp≤50< td=""><td></td><td>13</td><td>1RS</td><td>150</td><td>4000</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tp≤50<>		13	1RS	150	4000			
		Wood							
SF	50 <tp<150< td=""><td></td><td>13</td><td>1RS</td><td>150</td><td>2000</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tp<150<>		13	1RS	150	2000			
51	50 11 _150	Wood	15	into	150	2000			
CE	150 × TD × 500	Wood	12	100	1.50	1000		-	
SF	150< TP< 500	Wood	13	185	150	1000			
SF	<u>500<1P≤1000</u>	wood	13	185	150	500			
SF	15 -1000	Weed	13	IKS	150	4000			
		wood							
SF	15 <tp≤100< td=""><td>Wood</td><td>13</td><td>1RS</td><td>150</td><td>800</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tp≤100<>	Wood	13	1RS	150	800			
SF	100 <tp≤500< td=""><td>Wood</td><td>13</td><td>1RS</td><td>150</td><td>500</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tp≤500<>	Wood	13	1RS	150	500			
SF	500 <tp≤1000< td=""><td>Wood</td><td>13</td><td>IRS</td><td>150</td><td>300</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tp≤1000<>	Wood	13	IRS	150	300			
L&GS		Fuel oil					250		
L&GS	TP<120	Diesel oil					120		
L&GS	TP<120	Natural gas					80		
PBLFCI	70 <tp≤1000< td=""><td>Liquid Fuel</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>110 mg/kWh</td><td>250</td><td>20</td><td>11</td></tp≤1000<>	Liquid Fuel				110 mg/kWh	250	20	11
PBLFCI	15 <tp≤70< td=""><td>Liquid Fuel</td><td></td><td>1RS</td><td>2-4 BS</td><td>110 mg/kWh</td><td>185</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tp≤70<>	Liquid Fuel		1RS	2-4 BS	110 mg/kWh	185	10	11
	(1. class)*								
PBLFCI	15 <tp≤70< td=""><td>Liquid Fuel</td><td></td><td>1RS</td><td>70-150</td><td>80 mg/kWh</td><td>120</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tp≤70<>	Liquid Fuel		1RS	70-150	80 mg/kWh	120	10	11
	(2. class)*					(0 /1 H)1	120	10	11
PBLFCI	15 <tp≤70< td=""><td>Liquid Fuel</td><td></td><td>1RS</td><td></td><td>60 mg/kWh</td><td>120</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tp≤70<>	Liquid Fuel		1RS		60 mg/kWh	120	10	11
DDI DOI	(3. class)*			1		1070	2(0	20	0
PBLFCI	$70 < 1P \le 1000$	Gas fuel		1	-	1070	260	20	9
GFCI	$30 < 1P \le /0$ (1 class)*	Gas fuel		1	-	-	260	20	9
GECI	30 <tp<70< td=""><td>Gas fuel</td><td></td><td>1</td><td>_</td><td>-</td><td>200</td><td>20</td><td>9</td></tp<70<>	Gas fuel		1	_	-	200	20	9
0101	$(2. class)^*$	Gus ruer		-			200	20	
GFCI	30 <tp≤70< td=""><td>Gas fuel</td><td></td><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>150</td><td>20</td><td>9</td></tp≤70<>	Gas fuel		1	-	-	150	20	9
	(3. class)*						100		
GFCI	$30 < TP \le /0$	Gas fuel		1	-	-	100	20	9
	(4. Class) ^{**}	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

 Table 4. Heating Related Air Pollution Control Regulation (HRAPCR)

CI: Combustion Installations SF: Solid Fuel, L&GS: Liquid and Gas Oil,

PBLFCI: Pulverized Boiler- Liquid Fuel Combustion Installations

PB: Pulverized Boiler, GFCI: Gas Fuel Combustion Installation

In Table 4, no limits have been imposed on the SO_2 pollutant. This control is achieved by the control of fuel specifications. In actual practice, depending on the frequency of exceeding the air quality limit, the values specification of the fuels are announced by the authoritories. In the provinces where the limiting values are exceeded the maximum sulfur content of the fuel is 2 %, whereas in provinces where the limit values are not exceeded the sulfur content limit is 2.3%. Similarly the 20%

ash limit is also increased. On the other hand, the limits imposed on the coal supply by the new regulation resulted in shortages for both national and imported coal supplies. Therfore a circular has been issued to solve the problem which has arisen from the application of HRAPCR on 26/05/2005, in which the limits are loosened especially as moisture and ash limit values are increased (Table 5).

Coal Name	Properties	Limitations-Regulation	Limitations-Circular		
The Properties of	Total Sulfur	% 2 (max.)			
thel coal that will	(on dry basis)				
be used in cities	Lower Calorific	4000 (-200 tolerated) Kcal/kg (min.)			
and towns where	Value (original)				
limitations are	Total Moisture	%20 (max.)	max. %25		
exceeded	(original)				
	Ash (on dry basis)	%18 (max.)	max. %25		
	Swelling Index	1 (max.)			
	Dimension*	18-150 mm (Until 18 mm max. %10 is tolerated,			
	T + 1 0 10	above 150 mm max. % 10 is tolerated)			
the properties of the coal that will be	1 otal Sulfur	% 2,3 (max.)			
used in cities and	Lower Calarifia	2500(200 tolerated) Keal/kg(min)			
towns where the air	Volue (original)	5500 (-200 tolerated) Kcal/kg (min.)			
quality limitations	Tatal Maiatura	0/20 (******)			
are not exceeded	(original)	%20 (max.)	max. %30		
	(original)	0/20 (mar)			
	Asn (an dra basis)	%20 (max.)	max. %30		
	(on dry basis)	1 ()			
	Swelling Index	1 (max.)	0/10 is tolerated		
	Dimension*	18-150 mm (Until 18 mm max.	arotad)		
The properties of	Total Sulfur		$\frac{1}{2}$		
the goals used in	(on dry basis)	-	111ax. 70 2,3		
the residence areas	Lower Calorific	-	Min 3000 kcal/kg (-200		
outside of the cities	Value (original)		tolerated)		
and towns which	value (original)				
are pollution rated	Dimension*	-	18-150 mm		
(villages etc.)			(Until 18 mm max. %10 is		
(villages etc.)			tolerated,		
			above 150 mm max. % 10 is		
The properties of	Total Sulfur	$\frac{9}{0.0}$ (may)	tolerated)		
the coals imported	(on dry basis)	⁷⁰ 0,9 (max.)			
for heating use	Lower Calorific	6200 kcal/kg (min)	min 6200 kcal/kg (- 400		
	Value (original)		tolerated)		
	Volatile matter	% 12-28 (+1 tolerated)	,		
	(on dry basis)	70 12 20 (11 tolerated)			
	Total Moisture	% 10 (max.) %14 (max.) (+1 tolerated) 1 (max.) 18-150 mm (Until 18 mm max. %10 is tolerated.			
	(original)				
	Ash				
	(on dry basis)				
	Swelling Index				
	Dimension*				
		above 150 mm max. % 10 is tol	erated)		
The properties of the coals imported	Lower Calorific	-	min 6000 kcal/kg (-500		
	Value (original)		kcal/kg tolerated)		
for industrial use	Total Sulfur	-	max. % 1		
	(on dry basis)				
	Volatile matter	-	max. % 36		
	(on dry basis)				
	Dimension*	-	0-50 mm		

Table 5. Properties of the Fuels Used for Heating

HRAPCR introduced a swelling index concept, which is a measure of cokability and fast volatile release. The swelling behaviour of Turkish coals is not well documented,

and this shortcoming may cause further bottlenecks and other possible problems in the future. Efforts to increase coal quality prior to use could not be strengthened. The practical results of the applications will be obtained during the winter of 2005/2006.

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper copmparison of the AQAR of 1986 and replacing two regulations IRAPCR and HRAPCR is made. Evaluation of two new regulations especially in view of the failures of the former is also offered. AQAR was useful in producing a manegement concept and dicipline to Turkey, and as well as by crystalising the missing points and national realities. Together with the other two regulations that are in the preparation stage, a set of four regulations are expected to provide harmonisation of Turkish air quality assurance system with EU regulations. Past experience should demonstrate that these regulations can only serve their purpose efficiently if they are sufficiently dynamic to respond to the changes in the country and in the world. Corrective developments after the issuing of HRAPCR of the coal characteristics for heating purposes, may be interpreted to mean that the new concept will be more responsive to needs and problems. This on the other hand points to weakness to the new regulations in that they are not based on relevant data. Furthermore there are also impertinent sections, and these may be direct translations, as in the case of the "Wood, Wood Derived Fuels and Other Biomass Fuels" section of HRAPCR. For the purposes of implementation, the regulations must be supported with research, data collection, allocating resources, and technical and service backups.

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