



REGULATION ON CONTROL OF INDUSTRY-SOURCE AIR POLLUTION, AND ACTIVITIES FOR PREVENTION OF AIR POLLUTION

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ABSTRACT

The first legal arrangement in Turkey aimed at controlling the pollutants emitted as a result of all activities and maintaining the air quality, prepared and issued based on the Law no. 2872 on Environment is the **Regulation on Protection of Air Quality** which entered into force on November 2, 1986.

Both increase in demand for arrangements for maintenance of air quality on the basis of pollutant sources (industry, heating, motor vehicles), and the studies implemented for harmonization of the EU Acquis in the process of accession to the EU necessitated revision of that regulation which was prepared quite comprehensively.

In this context, **Regulation on Control of Industry-Source Air Pollution** was published on October 7, 2004 to control the emissions into atmosphere as a result of activities of industrial and power generation plants in the form of heat, fume, dust, gas and vapor, to protect the humanbeings and surrounding against pollution in receiving environment, to remove adverse effects on public and neighboring relations due to air pollution, and to prevent occurrence of such effects.

Efforts in progress in the EU Member States to implement a permission procedure taking into account the emission from the plant into air, water and earth, waste formation, raw material use, energy efficiency, noise, prevention of accidents, risk management, etc. For the purpose of minimizing the pollution from various sources and preventing it at its source.

There is no legislation / permission scheme in our country similar to EU approach yet, handling the activities of industrial and power generation plants with all receiving environments. Considering, however, the period of accession to the EU, the **Regulation on Control of Industry-Source Air Pollution** is a step among the studies implemented to prevent / minimize the air pollution caused by major industrial and power generation plants, and not to allow operation of such plants without obtaining permission from competent authorities.