# Atmospheric pollution, air quality: limit values for benzene and carbon monoxide CO (direct. 96 /62/EEC)

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PURPOSE : to fix for the first time the limit values for benzene and carbon monoxide in ambient air. COMMUNTY MEASURE : Directive 2000/69/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council. CONTENT : the Directive provides a limit value for benzene of 5¿g/m· to be attained by 1/1/2010 and a limit value of 10mg/m· for carbon monoxide to be attained by 1/1/2005. In order to reach these objectives, it is necessary to reduce benzene emissions by 70% and carbon monoxide emissions by one third. It should also be noted that the Council approved the European Parliament's amendment which introduces the request to take pollution in enclosed spaces into account when the Directive is updated in 2004. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 13/12/2000. DEADLINE SET FOR TRANSPOSITION : 13/12/2002.