Industrial Emissions Portal

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The European Parliament adopted by 563 votes to 51 with 18 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations and establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal.

The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for inter-institutional negotiations.

The proposal for a regulation aims to improve public access to environmental information through the creation of an integrated and coherent EU-wide electronic database, the Industrial Emissions Portal where citizens could access data on all permits granted by the EU and on local polluting activities.

Content of the Portal

The Portal should:

- **provide the public with free-of-charge and online access** to a further integrated and coherent dataset in all official languages of the Union on key environmental pressures generated by industrial installations;
- present the data it contains in aggregated and non-aggregated forms to permit users to undertake targeted searches as well as to allow for **user-friendly**, **electronic means of extraction of data**, including query-based datasets:
- include basic data on the **use of water, energy and raw materials** by the concerned installations, provided that the extent of those data does not exceed what is necessary to allow monitoring of progress towards a circular, highly resource-efficient economy;
- include direct links to the permit, the environmental management system and the transformation plans referred to in Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions, as amended.

Design and structure of the portal

The Commission should make the portal publicly and easily accessible and user-friendly, presenting the data in both aggregated and non-aggregated forms with a view to enabling searches, data extraction and query-based downloads of datasets by:

- installation, or a group of two or more installations or parts of installations covered by the same permit;
- off-site transfers of waste and, as appropriate, their destination in accordance with Annexes I and II to Directive 2008/98/EC, indicating with 'R' or 'D', respectively, whether the waste is destined for recovery or disposal;

Where **personal data** are involved, Member States should inform data subjects of their rights on data protection under that Regulation and of the procedures applicable for exercising those rights.

Reporting by operators to competent authorities

The amended text specifies that where a permit covers two or more installations or parts of installations operated by the same operator on the same site, the operator may comply with the reporting requirements

established in this Article by submitting in a single report all data related to such installations, or such parts of the installations, covered by the same permit.

Reporting by Member States to the Commission

Member States should provide, each year, to the Commission, by electronic means, a direct link to the website of the competent authorities for public notices for each installation and a list of non-compliant installations in industrial emissions, following the final decision on the non-compliance issued by the competent judicial or administrative authority of the Member State concerned in accordance with national law, in a standardised format enabling searches and extractions.

Member States should also provide the Commission and the European Environment Agency with systematised information on available scientific data as referred to in Directive 2010/75/EU as amended. The Agency should incorporate the data into the portal after verifying the scientific reliability of the sources.

Confidentiality

When data is considered confidential by a Member State, the report for the reporting year concerned should indicate separately for each installation, or in a single report for a group of two or more installations or parts of installations, which **data cannot be made public** and provide the reasons for this. Member States should ensure that operators have the possibility of objecting to the publication of such data.

The public should have the opportunity to submit comments, information, analyses and opinions within a reasonably long timeframe and in any of the official languages of the Union. Member States and the Commission should promote **public awareness of the Portal** and understanding and use of the data contained in it in close cooperation with the public.

Review

No later than 31 December 2026, the Commission will review Annex II to this Regulation. Based on this review, the Commission should, if necessary, adopt a delegated act to amend Annex II to the Regulation.