Large combustion plants: emissions limit values (amend. Directive 88/609/EEC)

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The purpose of the proposal for a directive was to amend Directive 88/609/EEC on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants by adding, in Annex III, limit values for sulphur dioxide (SO2) emissions from new plants fired by solid fuel with a rated thermal input of 50 to 100 megawatts. The adopted emission limit value of 2 000 mg SO2/m3 was based on the use of a fuel with low sulphur content without any additional measure of control. Annexed to the Commission's proposal was a report on the availability of low-sulphur solid fuels. The main conclusion that the Commission drew from this report was that sufficient quantities of low-sulphur coal were available at an acceptable cost.