

## **Manual of European Environmental Policy**

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## Related legislation: noise

The EU noise legislation set out in this chapter of the *Manual of EU Environmental Policy* is not the only EU legislation, which contains provisions relating to noise. There are two other Directives which need to be taken into account.

The Marine Strategy Framework Directive [2008/56/EC](#) requires an assessment of noise in the marine environment as a pressure. Annex III of the Directive (covering pressures and impacts) includes ‘underwater noise (e.g. from shipping, underwater acoustic equipment)’ as one of the pressures that Member States need to take account of in their assessments of the environmental status of the waters included in Marine Strategies and the environmental impact of human activities. If the noise is considered to be problematic, measures to address it may be required in the Programmes of Measures.

The Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive [2008/1/EC](#) requires Member States to set conditions in permits for specified industrial installations based on the determination of Best Available Techniques. The aim (Article 3) is that ‘all the appropriate preventive measures are taken against pollution’ and that ‘no significant pollution is caused’. Article 2(2) defines ‘pollution’ as ‘the direct or indirect introduction, as a result of human activity, of substances, vibrations, heat or noise into the air, water or land which may be harmful to human health or the quality of the environment, result in damage to material property, or impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment’. Directive 2008/1/EC, therefore, is a stimulus to address noise from industrial installations where this can be considered harmful.

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