

**Question for written answer E-002673/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU Industrial Emissions Directive

The EU Industrial Emissions Directive¹ requires operators to reduce their emissions of air pollutants, waste water discharge and waste generation from industrial processes. To undertake activities listed in Annex I of the Directive, companies need a permit from competent authorities, which is to be based on the best available techniques (BAT), i.e. the most environmentally effective of the economically viable techniques available within the sector.

Existing installations have to comply with the revised permit conditions within four years of the publication of decisions on BAT conclusions. This requires substantial investments to be made at the same time for companies with several plants in Europe, which not only means significant capital expenditure, but, further, does not allow the industry to learn from the process, i.e. which technologies are most efficient, how to adapt company-specific processes, etc.

1. In light of the upcoming Clean Industrial Deal and proposed move towards a growth-conducive regulatory framework, is the Commission looking into a potential stepwise approach to give companies more time to implement changes?
2. In light of the ongoing revision of BAT reference documents and the evaluation of the Sevilla process, is the Commission considering how to limit uncertainty for the industry?

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¹ Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control), OJ L 334, 17.12.2010, p. 17, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2010/75/oj>.