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to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Emission limits for the Acciaierie d'Italia steelworks in Taranto

Amended and converted into Law No 31 of 20 March 2025 and issued in order to ensure that the Acciaierie d'Italia (formerly ILVA) steelworks could continue production, Decree-Law No 3 of 24 January 2025¹ also establishes in Article 1b(2) that the Taranto facility's health impact assessment (HIA) should use the limit values laid down by Legislative Decree No 155 of 13 August 2010.

In its ruling on Case C-626/22 of 25 June 2024, the Court of Justice of the European Union stated that the emission limit values set by the Air Quality Directives 'must be considered "environmental quality standards" within the meaning of Article 3(6) and Article 18 of Directive 2010/75' (paragraph 20) and that 'if compliance with those standards makes it necessary to impose stricter emission limit values on the installation concerned ... additional measures must then be included in the permit' (paragraph 21).

The European Union has also set stricter emissions limits by means of the new Industrial Emissions Directive².

In the light of the above:

1. How does the Commission view the Italian Government's decision to use the limit values laid down by Legislative Decree No 155/2010 for the aforementioned HIA? Does it not agree that this decision is an attempt at circumventing the CJEU's ruling in Case C-626/22, which clarified that Italy should comply with the stricter limits laid down by the Air Quality Directives³?
2. Given that it has recently sent an additional letter of formal notice to Italy over its handling of this case, will the Commission follow up its infringement case against Italy (INFR(2013)2177)?

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¹ <https://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/id/2025/03/24/25A01874/sg>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401785.

³ Which include Directive (EU) 2024/2881 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe.