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For now, the Commission does not plan to propose EU legislation setting specific distances from landfills or to carry out an assessment on the impact of asbestos fibres from landfills. EU legislation on landfills provides specific and adequate protection from threats arising from the management of waste containing asbestos. The Landfill Directive<sup>1</sup> ensures that waste, including asbestos, may only be accepted in landfills if properly treated and safely disposed of. This includes requirements to prevent pollution of air, soil, ground and surface waters and minimum control and monitoring procedures to be carried out periodically on site. Council Decision 2003/33/EC establishing criteria and procedures for the acceptance of waste at landfills<sup>2</sup> provides detailed requirements for the safe disposal of asbestos in landfill sites, such as coverage of the zones of deposit to avoid dispersion of fibres.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste, OJ L 182, 16.7.1999, p. 1–19, amended by Directive (EU) 2018/850 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018, OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 100–108.

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision of 19 December 2002 establishing criteria and procedures for the acceptance of waste at landfills pursuant to Article 16 of and Annex II to Directive 1999/31/EC, notably Section 2.3.3.