

Environment Protection (Environmental Standards for Noise) Regulations 2022

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THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under sections 41 and 96 of the Environment Protection Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Environment Protection (Environmental Standards for Noise) Regulations 2022**.
2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –
 - "Act" means the Environment Protection Act;
 - "dB(A) Leq" means the equivalent A-weighted sound pressure level measured in decibel;
 - "decibel" means a unit in which noise is measured;
 - "enforcing agency" means the enforcing agency in relation to noise as designated in the Act;
 - "factory" has the same meaning as in section 91 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act;
 - "industrial noise" means noise emitted from a factory;
 - "neighbourhood noise" –
 - (a) means noise emitted from domestic premises; and
 - (b) includes other sources of noise emitted from –
 - (i) premises such as halls, multipurpose halls and wedding halls, used to accommodate various types of events;
 - (ii) places of entertainment such as night clubs, pubs, private clubs, discotheques and restaurants;
 - (iii) mechanical devices or equipment such as pumps, ventilation systems, air conditioners, air compressors, extractors and generators; and
 - (iv) revving and warming up of machineries and stationary motor vehicles; but
 - (c) does not include –
 - (i) industrial noise;
 - (ii) power station noise; or
 - (iii) noise made by an aircraft, an animal, or traffic;

"power station noise" means noise emitted by a station that generates electricity for supply by way of trade;

3. The environmental noise standards shall be the standards specified in the Schedule.
4. (1) The enforcing agency or the Director shall, as far as practicable, effect noise measurements from a distance of at least –
 - (a) one metre from the nearest opening of any affected building facing the noise source;
and
 - (b) 1.5 metres above the ground or floor level.(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1), every equipment used to effect noise measurements shall bear a valid calibration certificate.
5. The Environment Protection (Environmental Standards for Noise) Regulations 1997 are revoked.
6. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 October 2022.

Made by the Minister on 9 September 2022

SCHEDULE
[Regulation 3]

NOISE EXPOSURE LIMITS

SN	Type of noise	Time	Standard
1.	Industrial	7 a.m.-9 p.m.	60*dB(A) Leq
		9 p.m.-7 a.m. of following day	55*dB(A) Leq
2.	Neighbourhood	7 a.m.-6 p.m.	60dB(A) Leq
		6 p.m.-9 p.m.	55dB(A) Leq
		9 p.m.-7 a.m. of following day	50dB(A) Leq
3.	Power station		
	(1) In residential area	7 a.m.-9 p.m.	60dB(A) Leq
		9 p.m.-7 a.m. of following day	55dB(A) Leq
	(2) In any other area		70dB(A) Leq

** A tonal character adjustment of +5 dB(A) to the measured value shall apply where the noise has a definite continuous note such as a whine or hiss.*