

## **I. Implementation of the Directive on noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors**

Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2000 *on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors* ('Outdoor Noise Directive') has been implemented into the Polish legal system by the Act of 30 August 2002 *on the conformity assessment system* and the Regulation of the Minister for the Economy of 21 December 2005 *on the essential requirements for equipment for use outdoors with regard to noise emission in the environment*, amended by the Regulations of the Minister for the Economy of 15 February 2006 and of 28 May 2007. The national Regulation implementing the Outdoor Noise Directive must be read in conjunction with the above Act.

## **II. Conformity assessment of products**

Before being placed on the market, equipment covered by the Outdoor Noise Directive must be assessed for conformity with essential requirements. This amounts to confirming that equipment will not exceed a specific sound power level under specific conditions. As the Directive assigns equipment into two groups, notified bodies must participate in conformity assessment procedures. The Directive provides for the following conformity assessment modules:

- internal control of the equipment manufacturing process,
- internal control of the equipment manufacturing process with assessment of documentation and periodical checks by a notified body,
- verification of conformity of equipment with essential requirements with the participation of a notified body,
- assessment by a notified body of a quality assurance system applied by the manufacturer of equipment.

Notified bodies – third parties – must be accredited by the Polish Centre for Accreditation (Polskie Centrum Akredytacji, PCA).

### **Search engine for product certification bodies accredited by the PCA**

<https://www.pca.gov.pl/akredytowane-podmioty/akredytacje-aktywne/jednostki-certyfikujace-wyroby/>

## **III. Standardisation**

When demonstrating the conformity of their products with the essential requirements of the Directive and to make it easier to verify that conformity, manufacturers should use the standards indicated in the Directive. The national standardisation body in Poland is the Polish Committee for Standardisation (Polski Komitet Normalizacyjny, PKN).

Please note that if any directive provides for the possibility of carrying out conformity assessments according to module A (internal production control), for example, allowing manufacturers to assess the conformity of their products by themselves on the basis of harmonised standards, and a hazard analysis and conformity assessment reveal that:

- the standards do not completely cover the hazard concerned,
- no standard currently covers the hazard concerned,
- at least one Member State has expressed reservations about the standard concerned or a part thereof,

and, as a result, manufacturers are unable to carry out a full conformity assessment on the basis of these standards, they have their products or parts thereof that have not been assessed

due to the deficiencies in the standards examined by a conformity assessment body that will be able to carry out such examinations.

Irrespective of the above, manufacturers may always have such examinations carried out if, for example, there are any doubts as to whether they have correctly carried out conformity assessments.

### **Search engine for standards**

<https://wiedza.pkn.pl/wyszukiwarka-norm>

## **IV. Requirements set out in the Outdoor Noise Directive**

The Directive sets out permissible sound power levels for individual types of equipment, the way in which marking is to be affixed and methods for measuring noise emissions

## **V. Market Surveillance Authorities**

The market surveillance authorities responsible for the Outdoor Noise Directive are:

National Labour Inspectorate (Państwowa Inspekcja Pracy)

<https://www.pip.gov.pl/pl/>

Environmental Protection Inspectorate (Inspekcja Ochrony Środowiska)

<http://www.gios.gov.pl/pl/>

State Mining Authority (Wyższy Urząd Górniczy)

<http://www.wug.gov.pl/>

## **VI. Technical inspection**

Selected equipment is also subject to technical inspection. The rules, scope and forms of technical inspection are set out in the *Technical Inspection Act* of 21 December 2000. The Office of Technical Inspection (Urząd Dozoru Technicznego) and specialised technical inspection authorities – the Transport Technical Inspection (Transportowy Dozór Techniczny) and the Military Technical Inspection (Wojskowy Dozór Techniczny) – are responsible for technical inspection.

### **Equipment subject to technical inspection**

<https://www.udt.gov.pl/co-i-kiedy-podlega-dozorowi>