

## *Response statistics for Review of the Recommendation on Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections*

### General questions on environmental inspections

Do you think that the environmental inspection system in your country is working well?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	60	(45.1%)	(45.1%)
No	57	(42.9%)	(42.9%)

Do you think that measures should be taken at EU level to improve the effectiveness of environmental inspections?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	80	(60.2%)	(60.2%)
No	37	(27.8%)	(27.8%)

### Questions on the Recommendation establishing minimum criteria for environmental inspections

#### 1. Legal form

Should the Recommendation remain a voluntary recommendation?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
No	72	(54.1%)	(54.1%)
Yes	44	(33.1%)	(33.1%)

Should the Recommendation become a legally binding directive?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	74	(55.6%)	(55.6%)
No	40	(30.1%)	(30.1%)

Should the Recommendation be complemented by legally binding inspection requirements in the sectoral pieces of environmental legislation covering specific installations or activities?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	73	(54.9%)	(54.9%)
No	40	(30.1%)	(30.1%)

## 2. Scope

Should the scope of the Recommendation be clarified?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
No	60	(45.1%)	(45.1%)
Yes	52	(39.1%)	(39.1%)

Should the scope of the Recommendation be modified?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
No	58	(43.6%)	(43.6%)
Yes	47	(35.3%)	(35.3%)

Should the scope be broadened to cover other environmentally significant activities that are currently not covered?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
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Yes	40	(85.1%)	(30.1%)
No	5	(10.6%)	(3.8%)

Should inspections of waste shipments be covered?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	42	(89.4%)	(31.6%)
No	3	(6.4%)	(2.3%)

Should inspections of nature protection sites and for areas essential for biodiversity (such as for example Natura 2000) be covered?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	30	(63.8%)	(22.6%)
No	16	(34%)	(12%)

If inspections of nature protection sites and for biodiversity essential areas will not be included into the Recommendation, should criteria for these inspections be developed in separate guidelines?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	34	(72.3%)	(25.6%)
No	10	(21.3%)	(7.5%)

Should inspections of the obligations to register, evaluate and authorise chemicals (REACH) be covered?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	35	(74.5%)	(26.3%)
No	11	(23.4%)	(8.3%)

Should the scope be narrowed to cover only those installations that pose the highest environmental risk?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
No	84	(63.2%)	(63.2%)

Yes	28	(21.1%)	(21.1%)
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### 3. Definitions

Should the definitions used in the Recommendation be clarified?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
No	75	(56.4%)	(56.4%)
Yes	35	(26.3%)	(26.3%)

Should other terms related to inspections be defined?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
No	68	(51.1%)	(51.1%)
Yes	33	(24.8%)	(24.8%)

### 4. Criteria for organising, planning, carrying out, reporting and following up on inspections

Are the criteria in the Recommendation adequate to ensure effective environmental inspections?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	76	(57.1%)	(57.1%)
No	29	(21.8%)	(21.8%)

If no, should additional criteria be added?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	20	(69%)	(15%)
No	4	(13.8%)	(3%)

If no, should the Recommendation contain less detail?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
No	11	(37.9%)	(8.3%)
Yes	4	(13.8%)	(3%)

## 5. Public access to information

Are the obligations to give access to information to the public on inspection plans and inspection reports well implemented in your country?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	65	(48.9%)	(48.9%)
No	43	(32.3%)	(32.3%)

If no, what are the problems you have encountered?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Long delays in providing information?	22	(51.2%)	(16.5%)
Refusal to grant information?	14	(32.6%)	(10.5%)
Information granted is not what was requested?	10	(23.3%)	(7.5%)

## 6. Reporting to the Commission

Should Member States regularly inform the Commission on how they implement the Recommendation?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	88	(66.2%)	(66.2%)
No	24	(18%)	(18%)

Should Member States regularly inform the Commission on the inspections they have carried out and the level of compliance of the inspected installations and activities?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records	% of total number records
Yes	81	(60.9%)	(60.9%)
No	32	(24.1%)	(24.1%)