

An amendment to the Rulebook on measures to prevent and reduce air pollution and improve air quality entered into force in Republika Srpska, one of two entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 4 July 2015. The amendment of the Rulebook constitutes a significant step towards transposing the requirements of the Large Combustion Plants Directive (2001/80/EC). Negotiations between the Secretariat and the Republika Srpska authorities on thermal power plant Stanari, a plant with a rated thermal input of 780 MW currently under construction in Republika Srpska, contributed to accelerating the legislative process. Contracting Parties have to implement the provisions of the Directive by 31 December 2017, as required by the Energy Community Treaty.

Immediately after the entry into force of the amendment, an extraordinary audit of environmental permits shall be carried out for power plants falling under the scope of the Rulebook. The aim of this process is to harmonize the emission limit values with the new standards set out by the amendment. This also concerns the environmental permit of TPP Stanari, which currently fails to meet the relevant requirements of the Large Combustion Plants Directive.

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