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Starting activities – legal framework:

First steps in reducing the emissions from the vehicles are related to the National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP) (1996)

Pan European Strategy for phasing out the lead from petrol in Europe (Aarhus 1998), Republic of Macedonia undertook oral obligation for phasing out the lead from petrol until 2008.

Convention for cross border air pollution;

In 2000 the Ministry of Economy prepared the Feasibility Study for “Energy policy in the countries of the European Union related to environmental protection and energy efficiency”.

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Harmonization with the EU legislation

- Agreement for stabilization and association – obligation for harmonization of the EU legislation.
- Implementation of the European standards for liquid fuels according to the directives 98/70/EC, 1999/32/EC, 93/12/EC and 2003/30/EC.
- In 2004 a Commission was established for preparation of the Macedonian standards for quality of liquid fuels (with participation of the representatives from Oil Refinery OKTA, Makpetrol, Lukoil, Machine Faculty, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning). The new standards have preventive role to the air quality with reducing the negative impact of the traffic.
- In the period a change was initiated and implemented for updating the Book of regulation for the quality of liquid fuels.

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Activities for approaching the EU legislation

- For prevention of the pollution from the traffic, the Ministry of environment and physical planning initiated preparation of Basic Plan for phasing out the lead petrol in Republic of Macedonia (2004)
- Preparation of new Law for air quality harmonized with the EU Directives (2003) and
- According to the plan it is expected adopting of bylaws for limit values of emissions from mobile sources and limit values of certain hazardous substances in the fuels, grease and additives; their preparation and adoption will be implemented according to the National Plan for approximation of the European Legislation.

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Book of regulation for liquid fuels (Official Gazette of Republic of Macedonia no. 88/2007, 91/2007, 97/2007, 105/2007 and 157/2007) is in the authority of the Ministry of Economy, in which the following EU directives are incorporated:

- **31998L0070 DIRECTIVE** for quality of benzene and diesel fuels,
- **31999L0032 DIRECTIVE** related to reducing the content of sulphure of some liquid fuels and modification and update of the Directive 93/12/EEZ and
- **32003L0030 DIRECTIVE** for promotion of using bio fuels and other renewable fuels for transport

According the above mentioned directives, the Institute for Standardization of Republic of Macedonia adopted over 20 new Macedonian standards in this area.

***Thank you for your
attention***

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