

**Question for written answer E-010766/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Review of the National Emission Ceilings Directive

On 15 June 2015 European environment ministers discussed the review of the NEC Directive, which sets national emission ceilings for air pollution.

The purpose of the directive is to curb emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, ammonia, particulate matter and methane. The aim of the review is to get as close as possible to the WHO's health standards.

Many Member States, however, object to methane and ammonia being included in the directive.

Those two pollutants are mostly produced by agriculture.

Given that methane and ammonia are precursors of ozone and particulate matter, and are therefore pollutants that pose a major risk to health, should the Commission not do all it can to put the interests of the European public before those of the Member States, and curb emissions of the two gases?