

Decree of the Flemish Government amending the annex to the Decree of 19 April 2024 on ammonia emission reduction measures, with regard to amendments to the electronic monitoring of certain air purification systems, and amending Article 2.17.1 of the Decree of the Flemish Government of 1 June 1995 laying down general and sectoral provisions on environmental hygiene

Legal basis

This Decree is based on:

- the Manure Decree of 22 December 2006, Article 45, amended by the Decree of 15 July 2022;
- the Decree of 26 January 2024 on the programmatic approach to nitrogen, Article 51, 58(1)(2), 61 and 62;
- Decree of 19 April 2024 on measures ammonia emission reduction measures, Article 4(1).

Procedural requirements

The following procedural requirements have been met:

- The Flemish Minister responsible for budgetary policy gave his agreement on 31 March 2026.
- the Flemish Supervisory Committee for the Processing of Personal Data issued advisory opinion ... (number) on ... (date).
- The Council of State gave opinion xxxxx/x (opinion number) on ... (date), pursuant to Article 84(1)(1)(2) of the laws of the Council of State, consolidated on 12 January 1973.
- This draft was notified to the European Commission on ..., pursuant to Article 5 of Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.

Legal context

This Decree is consistent with the following regulation:

- the Ministerial Decree of 19 March 2004 concerning the determination of the list of the low ammonia emission stable systems in implementation of Article 1.1.2 and Article 5.9.2.1bis of the Flemish Government Decree of 1 June 1995 laying down general and sectoral environmental hygiene provisions;
- the Ministerial Decree of 29 August 2022 laying down detailed rules on the composition and functioning of the Scientific Committee on Air Emissions from Livestock Farming (WeComV), referred to in Article 2.17.1 of the Decree of the Flemish Government of 1 June 1995 containing general and sectoral provisions on environmental policy.

Initiator

This Decree is proposed by the Flemish Minister for Environment and Agriculture.

After deliberations,

THE FLEMISH GOVERNMENT HEREBY DECREES THE FOLLOWING:

Chapter 1. Amendments to the Decree of 19 April 2024 on ammonia emission reduction measures

Article 1. In Article 5.1.1 of the Annex to the Decree of 19 April 2024 on ammonia emission reduction measures, the following amendments are made:

1° a point 7°/1 is inserted, with the following text:

'7°/1 data provider: the party responsible for the transmission and storage of electronically monitored data;';

2° in point 9°, the word 'and' is replaced by the word 'or';

3° in point 10, the word 'subparagraph' is replaced by the word 'section'.

Article 2. In Article 5.2.1.2 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° the word 'operational' is inserted between the word 'an' and the word 'air purification system';

2° the word 'always' is replaced by the words 'at all times'.

Article 3. A new Article 5.2.1.5 is added to Chapter 5, section 2, subsection 1 of the Annex to the same decree, worded as follows:

'Article 5.2.1.5. Each air purification system installed is registered by the data provider via the online portal and is assigned a unique identification code, which is linked to the operator, the operation, the geographical location and the operational parameters of the system. The identification code and associated data shall be managed centrally in the online portal and made available to the competent supervisory authorities.

At a minimum, the following information must be linked to the unique identification code:

- 3° the registration number of the classified establishment or activity, if one has been assigned;
- 4° the identification of the operator;
- 5° the identification of the data provider;
- 6° the operating address of the air purification system;
- 7° the geographical coordinates of the air purification system;
- 8° the type and the configuration of the air purification system;
- 9° the measurement parameters recorded electronically by the system, including the limits within which the proper functioning is ensured, according to the technical data sheet.'

Article 4. In Article 5.2.2.1 of the Annex to the same Decree, the words 'the first subparagraph' are in each case replaced by the words 'the first paragraph'.

Article 5. In Article 5.2.2.2 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in point 7° of the first paragraph, the words 'the air scrubber' are replaced by the words 'the air scrubber system';

2° the words 'the first subparagraph' are replaced by the words 'the first paragraph' in each case.

Article 6. In Article 5.2.2.3 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in point 2°, the words 'and the location of the required sampling points' are added;

2° in point 4°, the words 'and the air humidity sensors' are deleted;

3° in point 7°, the words 'the scrubber packing' are replaced by the phrase 'the scrubber packing and, where available, the dust collector';

4° in point 8°, the words 'the air distribution system in the biobed' are replaced by the words 'the location and operating principle of the air distribution system in the biobed and of the stable air humidification system'.

Article 7. In Article 5.2.3.1 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in each case, the words 'the first subparagraph' are replaced by the words 'the first paragraph';

2° in paragraph 2(3)(g), the word 'correct' is inserted between the words 'checking the' and the word 'operation'.

Article 8. In Article 5.2.3.2 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in paragraph 1(4), the word 'other' is replaced by the word 'following';

2° a point 6° is added to the first paragraph, which reads as follows:

'6° in the pipe of the circulation pump from the scrubber water to the nozzles humidifying the filter or the filter package, there is a drain point for sampling the scrubber water.';

3° in paragraph 2, the words 'the first subparagraph' are replaced by the words 'the first paragraph';

4° the third point is removed.

Article 9. In Article 5.2.3.3 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in point 2°(b), the word 'subparagraph' is replaced by the word 'paragraph';

2° point 4° is replaced by the following:

'4° it shall be possible to sample the drain water in the drain water storage safely;';

3° point 5° is replaced by the following:

'it shall be possible to sample the flushing water in the flushing water storage safely;'.
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Article 10. Article 5.2.3.4 of the Annex to the same Decree now reads:

'Article 5.2.3.4. An air purification system continuously monitors and records, in an appropriate and automated manner, through an electronic monitoring system, the parameters relevant to the proper functioning of the air purification system.

- The electronic monitoring system shall meet the following conditions:
- 1° Appropriate measuring equipment is in place to enable continuous monitoring of the relevant parameters. At a minimum, these include:
 - a) a pH sensor;
 - b) a conductivity sensor;
 - c) a differential pressure meter;
 - d) a flow meter for the scrubber water;
 - e) an electromagnetic flow meter for drain water production;
 - 2° the recorded values of the relevant parameters shall be recorded at least once per hour. The recorded values shall be stored electronically and sent at least every 24 hours to an online portal made available by the government. The data transmitted to the online portal shall be made available to the competent supervisory authorities. If the online portal provided by the government is temporarily unavailable or inaccessible, the data recorded every hour that could not be transmitted in the meantime shall be sent as soon as the online portal becomes available or accessible again;
 - 3° the recorded values of the relevant parameters shall be kept on site digitally for at least five years. The registered values can be consulted at any time by the data provider, the maintenance party or by the supervisory authorities;
 - 4° the electronic monitoring system shall be equipped with an alarm. The alarm shall sound if the limit values of one of the relevant parameters have been exceeded. The limit values of the relevant parameters shall be given in the system description of the air purification system in question.

For an air scrubber system, the relevant parameters shall be at least the following parameters:

- 1° the acidity of the scrubber water, expressed in pH;
- 2° the conductivity of the scrubber water, expressed in mS per cm;
- 3° the drain water production, expressed in m³;
- 4° the pressure drop over the scrubber packing, expressed in Pa;
- 5° the scrubber water flow rate to the scrubber packing, expressed in m³ per hour;
- 6° the stable occupancy, expressed in the presence or absence of animals;
- 7° the system status, expressed by means of a code list.

For a biobed, the relevant parameters include at least the following:

- 1° the pressure drop over the biobed, expressed in Pa;
- 2° the scrubber water flow rate of the pre-humidification of the incoming stable air, expressed in m³ per hour;
- 3° the amount of water used for the humidification of the filling material, expressed in m³;

- 4° The biobed drain water production, expressed in m³;
- 5° the biobed flushing water production, expressed in m³;
- 6° the stable occupancy, expressed in presence or absence of animals;
- 7° the system status, expressed by means of a code list.

If the biobed flushing water and the biobed drain water are collected together, electronic monitoring of the combined output, expressed in m³, is sufficient. In that case, separate electronic monitoring of the individual flows is not required.

Article 11. In Article 5.2.4.2 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° the first paragraph is replaced by the following:

‘The air purification system shall be started as soon as livestock, as referred to in Article 3(8)(5), of the Manure Decree of 22 December 2006, is present in any of the sections whose outgoing stable air it cleans, and must be operational again within the time limits specified in Article 5.2.4.3.’;

2° In paragraph 2 and 3, the word ‘operational’ is replaced with the word ‘in place’;

3° the fourth point is removed.

Article 12. In Article 5.2.4.3(1) of the Annex to the same Decree, the words ‘as soon as possible’ are replaced by the phrase ‘are restarted immediately after cleaning and within the time limits referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3,’.

Article 13. In Article 5.2.4.4 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° a new point 7° is added to paragraph 2, reading as follows:

‘7° for the recording and transmission of data from the air purification system to the online portal, the operator must have a valid data transfer agreement with a data provider;’;

2° A third paragraph is added, reading as follows:

‘The data transfer agreement shall meet the following conditions:

- 1° it is concluded between the operator and a party responsible for the transmission and storage of electronically monitored data, hereinafter referred to as the data provider;
- 2° it shall be signed by all the parties concerned;
- 3° it shall indicate the date of signing;
- 4° it shall indicate the period of the contract;
- 5° it shall indicate the contact details of the parties concerned. These contact details include at least the address, one email address and one telephone number of each of the parties concerned;
- 6° it shall specify the obligations of each of the parties concerned. The obligations of the operator are include the obligations set out in Article 5.2.4.5. The obligations of the data provider include, as a minimum, those set out in 5.2.4.7;
- 7° the contract shall include provisions on electronic monitoring and data transmission to the online portal. The data provider is responsible for

ensuring that data is transferred accurately and on time and, in the event of a disruption, for taking the necessary corrective actions.

Article 14. In Article 5.2.4.5 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in point 1°(a)(3), the words 'or the data provider' are inserted between the words 'the maintenance party' and the words 'and the method';

2° a new point 1° is added to point c), worded as follows:

'c) the reports of the half-yearly analysis of the scrubber water and any actions resulting from the verification of the results of the analysis;';

3° in point 2°, the word 'subparagraph' is replaced by the word 'paragraph';

4° point 4° is replaced by the following:

'4° The operator shall contact the maintenance party within 24 hours of detecting a problem, unless the maintenance party is directly connected to the alarm system. If a maintenance provider that is directly connected to the alarm system has not contacted the operator within one working day, the operator shall contact the maintenance provider. If the problem is not resolved immediately based on the contact, or if the operator is unable to reach the maintenance party, the operator shall immediately send an e-mail to the maintenance party informing them of the problem that has occurred;';

5° in point 6°, the words 'the technical sheet, the contract with the data provider' are inserted between the words 'the logbook' and the words 'and the maintenance contract'.

Article 15. In Article 5.2.4.6 of the same Annex, point 2° of the second paragraph is deleted.

Article 16. A new Article 5.2.4.7 is added to Chapter 5, section 2, subsection 4 of the Annex to the same decree, worded as follows:

'Article 5.2.4.7. When using the air purification system, the data provider has the following obligations:

- 1° the data provider registers once via the online portal;
- 2° the data provider must, at an absolute minimum, have the appropriate equipment and an IT system in place to enable it to transmit data to the online portal in an accurate, complete and unaltered manner;
- 3° the data provider registers each air purification system in the online portal, transmits the monitored data to the online portal and stores the data for each air purification system;
- 4° the data provider is responsible for the integrity, authenticity, timeliness and completeness of the electronically monitored data transmitted to the online portal;
- 5° the data provider monitors the smooth flow of data from the electronic monitoring system to the online portal. The data provider shall inform the operator within one working day if the data flow of the recorded parameters to the online portal has not been successful;
if the data provider determines that the electronic monitoring system or parts thereof are not functioning optimally or that there are parts of the electronic monitoring system that are currently functioning correctly but show signs of wear and tear that may prevent optimal functioning in the

near future, the data provider shall take the necessary actions to restore or ensure the optimal functioning of the air purification system and all its elements for the near future. The data provider shall at least contact the operator within one working day, starting from commissioning, to report the problems identified, with a view to repairing the electronic monitoring system;

- 6° the recorded values of the relevant parameters shall be recorded at least once per hour per air purification system. The data provider shall send the recorded values to an online portal provided by the government at least once every 24 hours. 'If the online portal provided by the government is unavailable or inaccessible, the data provider shall submit the data—recorded every hour and which the data provider was unable to transmit—as soon as the online portal becomes available or accessible again.'

Article 17. A subsection 5 is added to Chapter 5, Section 2 of the Annex to the same Decree, worded as follows:

'Subsection 5. The processing of personal data'.

Article 18. In the Annex of the same decree, in Subsection 5, as added by Article 17, an Article 5.2.5.1 is added, which reads as follows:

'Article 5.2.5.1. The Department of Environment and Spatial Development is the data controller, referred to in Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), for the personal data processed pursuant to this Decree in connection with the electronic monitoring of air purification systems, as referred to in this chapter.'

Article 19. In the Annex to the same decree, Article 5.2.5.2 is added to the same subsection 5, which reads as follows:

'Article 5.2.5.2. The data controller processes the personal data referred to in Article 5.2.5.3 for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority pursuant to Article 6(1)(e) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

The data controller shall process the personal data under the following conditions:

- 1° personal data shall be processed in a manner that is lawful, fair and transparent in relation to the data subject;
- 2° personal data shall be collected for specific, explicitly defined and legitimate purposes as set out in this Article, and shall not subsequently be processed in any way that is incompatible with those purposes;
- 3° the personal data shall be processed in a manner that is appropriate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- 4° the personal data are correct and if necessary, updated;
- 5° every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, with regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are immediately deleted or rectified;

- 6° the personal data shall be kept in a form that allows identification of the data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed;
- 7° personal data shall be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

The data controller is responsible for compliance with the conditions referred to in paragraph 2 and must be able to demonstrate compliance with those conditions.

The data controller shall inform the data subjects in advance of the processing of their personal data in accordance with Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) and inform them of their rights on the basis of Articles 15 to 22 of that Regulation.’.

Article 20. In the Annex to the same decree, Article 5.2.5.3 is added to the same subsection 5, which reads as follows:

‘Article 5.2.5.3. The data controller shall process, for the purposes referred to in Article 5.2.5.2(1), the identification data and contact details, including the legal identification data contained in the National Register of Natural Persons, and, where applicable, the Crossroads Bank Registers, including the national register number and, where applicable, the BIS number.’.

Article 21. In the Annex to the same decree, Article 5.2.5.4 is added to the same subsection 5, which reads as follows:

‘Article 5.2.5.4. For the purposes set out in Article 5.2.5.2(1), the data controller processes the personal data referred to in Article 5.2.5.3 relating to the following categories of data subjects:

- 1° the operators of the operations on which one or more of the air purification systems referred to in this chapter are installed.

The personal data shall, where possible, be anonymised or pseudonymised if the individualisation is not necessary or relevant for the achievement of the purposes set out in Article 5.2.5.2(1), taking into account the principle of data minimisation and including appropriate technical and organisational measures as set out in Article 5.2.5.2, second paragraph.’.

Article 22. In the Annex to the same decree, Article 5.2.5.5 is added to the same subsection 5, which reads as follows:

‘Article 5.2.5.5. Without prejudice to the application of the necessary retention of personal data for subsequent processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes, as referred to in Article 89 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), the Department of Environment and Spatial Development, as controller, shall retain personal data for the periods necessary to fulfil the purposes referred to in Article 5.2.5.2, first paragraph, in accordance with the rules on the management,

storage and destruction of administrative documents, as referred to in Title III, Chapter 3, Section 5, of the Administrative Decree of 7 December 2018.

If an appeal is lodged against a decision concerning the administrative documents referred to in this subsection, the current retention periods shall be suspended until a final, legally binding and enforceable decision has been made on the appeal.’.

Article 23. In the Annex to the same decree, Article 5.2.5.6 is added to the same subsection 5, which reads as follows:

‘Article 5.2.5.6. The data controller may disclose the personal data referred to in Article 5.2.5.3 to the following recipients:

- 1° authorities as referred to in Article 1.3 of the Administrative Decree of 7 December 2018, and police, judicial and administrative authorities;
- 2° the third parties on whom the Department of Environment and Spatial Development relies for the performance of its tasks, referred to in Article 5.2.5.1;
- 3° the lawyers, judicial officers or courts and district courts in the context of the handling of legal disputes;
- 4° the Flemish ombudsperson when intervening in a dispute;
- 5° the data subject, and authorised representatives acting on behalf of that data subject, within the scope of the mandate given to the authorised representative.

Article 24. In the Annex to the same decree, Article 5.2.5.7 is added to the same subsection 5, which reads as follows:

‘Article 5.2.5.7. For the performance of its tasks referred to in this Article, and for the recording, storage, processing and collection of personal data, the Department of Environment and Spatial Development shall make one or more online portals available. The Department of Environment and Spatial Development is responsible for the overall administrative management, development, implementation, launch and maintenance - including any necessary updates - of the digital services it provides.

The Department of Environment and Spatial Development, as the data controller, is responsible for the management, storage and processing of the personal data it receives via digital services.

Access to the online services is provided via the website of the Department of Environment and Spatial Development. The data controller shall specify which data are processed in the online portals in a privacy statement. In the interests of transparency and to safeguard the rights of data subjects, the data controller shall include a reference to the location of the privacy statement in its communications with data subjects.

Access to the online portals made available pursuant to this Decree shall be secure and shall require authentication with an e-ID or a similar authentication key.

The Department of Environment and Spatial Development shall ensure that the digital portals and any other digital systems it develops and operates comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation, including the requirements of data protection by design and by default, as referred to in Article 25 of that Regulation.’.

Article 25. In Article 5.3.1.2 of the same decree, point 5° is replaced by the following:

‘5° registration: the air scrubber system shall record the relevant parameters, as referred to in Article 5.2.3.4 of this Decree;’.

Article 26. In Article 5.3.1.3 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° point 1°(a) is deleted;

2° point 1°(b) is replaced by the following:

‘b) scrubber water flow rate through the scrubber packing in m³ per hour;’;

3° in point 1°(d), the phrase ‘, conductivity’ is inserted between the word ‘nitrite’ and the words ‘and ammonium’;

4° point g) is replaced by the following:

‘g) drain settings: the drain water flow rate in m³ and the automatic control settings on the basis of which the draining takes place;’.

Article 27. In Article 5.3.1.4 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° point 4°(c), is replaced by the following:

‘c) the reports of the half-yearly analysis of the scrubber water and any actions resulting from the verification of the results of the analysis;’;

2° point 4°(d) is deleted.

Article 28. In Article 5.3.1.6 of the Annex to the same Decree, the words ‘via the scrubber packing’ are added in Table 2 after the words ‘scrubber water flow rate’.

Article 29. In Article 5.3.1.7 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° point 4° is replaced by the following:

‘4° independent registration: the sampler shall record the readings of the scrubber water flow rate over the scrubber packing and of the drain water flow rate;’;

2° in points 5°(e) and (g), the words ‘the air scrubber’ are replaced by the words ‘the air scrubber system’;

3° point 5°(h), is replaced by the following:

‘h) readings of the scrubber water flow meter and of the drain water flow meter;’.

Article 30. The following amendments are made to Article 5.3.1.8 of the same annex:

1° in point 2°(b), the words 'the correct' are inserted before the words 'operation of the circulation pump', and the phrase '(record the hour meter reading)' is deleted;

2° in point 2°(c), the words 'regarding the scrubber packing' are added;

3° In point 2°(e), the phrase '(record the water pulse meter reading)' is deleted.

Article 31. In Article 5.4.1.2 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in point 1°(c), the words 'is realised' are replaced by the words 'can be realised';

2° in point 5°, the second sentence is deleted;

3° point 7° is replaced by the following:

'7° registration: the air scrubber system shall record the relevant parameters, as referred to in Article 5.2.3.4 of this Decree;'

Article 32. The following amendments are made to Article 5.4.1.3 of the same annex:

1° point 1°(a) is deleted;

2° point 1°(b), is replaced by the following:

'b) scrubber water flow rate through the scrubber packing in m³ per hour;';

3° in point 1°(d), the word 'conductivity' is inserted between the words 'pH' and 'ammonium, sulphate';;

4° The following sentence is added to point 1°(d): 'For conductivity, the maximum value that is never to be exceeded shall be declared;';

5° point g) is replaced by the following:

'g) drain settings: the drain water flow rate in m³ and the automatic control settings on the basis of which the draining takes place;'

Article 33. In Article 5.4.1.4 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in point 1°, the words 'is realised' are replaced by the words 'can be realised';

2° point 4°(c) is repealed;

3° point 4°(d), is replaced by the following:

'd) the half-yearly scrubber water analysis reports and any actions resulting from the review of the analytical results shall be recorded in the logbook;'

Article 34. In Article 5.4.1.6 of the Annex to the same Decree, the words 'via the scrubber packing' are added in Table 2 after the words 'scrubber water flow rate'.

Article 35. In Article 5.4.1.7 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° point 4° is replaced by the following:

'4° independent registration: the sampler shall record the readings of the scrubber water flow rate over the scrubber packing and of the drain water flow rate';

2° in points 5°(f) and (h), the words 'the air scrubber' are replaced by the words 'the air scrubber system';

3° point 5°(i), is replaced by the following:

'i) readings of the scrubber water flow meter and of the drain water flow meter;';

Article 36. In Article 5.4.1.8 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° point 2°(a), is replaced by the following:

'a) the pH of the scrubber water;';

2° in point 2°(b), the words 'the correct' are inserted before the words 'operation of the circulator';

3° in point 2°(c), the words 'regarding the scrubber packing' are added;

4° in point 2°(d), the word 'the' is inserted before the word 'distribution';

5° In point 2°(e), the phrase '(record the water pulse meter reading)' is deleted.

Article 37. In Article 5.5.1.2 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° in point 1°(d), the words 'greater than five' are replaced by the words 'of at least 20';

2° point 4° is replaced by the following:

'4° the air scrubber system shall record the relevant parameters referred to in Article 5.2.3.4 of this Decree.';

Article 38. In Article 5.5.1.3 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° point 1°(a), is replaced by the following:

'a) the minimum scrubber water flow rate required for the pre-humidification of the incoming stable ventilation air, expressed in m³ per hour;';

2° point 1°(b), is replaced by the following:

'b) the annual biobed drain water production limits, expressed in m³;';

3° in point 1°(c), the words 'limit values for the' are replaced by the word 'minimum' and the words 'litres per week' are replaced by the words 'm³ per hour';

4° in point 1°(d), the word 'litres' is replaced by the words 'm³';

5° a subparagraph 1°(j), is added with the following text:

'j) the limit values of biobed flushing water production on an annual basis, expressed in m³'.

Article 39. In Article 5.5.1.6 of the Annex to the same Decree, the following amendments are made:

1° point 2°(a), is replaced by the following:

'a) the correct operation of the flow meter for the scrubber water used to pre-humidify the incoming stable air;';

2° in point 2°(b), the phrase ': record the reading of the water meter' is deleted;

3° in point 2°(c), the phrase ': note the value of the differential pressure meter' is deleted;

4° A new point 2° is added to point e), worded as follows:

'e) the correct operation of the flowmeter for humidifying the filling material.'.

Article 40. The following amendments are made to Article 5.5.1.7 of the same annex:

1° point 2°(a), is replaced by the following:

'a) the volume of water used to humidify the incoming stable air, as indicated by the flow meter reading since the previous annual inspection. This quantity shall be within the limits indicated by the supplier in the technical datasheet;';

2° In point 2°(b), the word 'water meter' is replaced by the word 'flow meter'.

Chapter 2. Amendments to the Flemish Government Decree of 1 June 1995 laying down general and sectoral provisions on environmental health

Article 41. In Article 2.17.1 of the Decree of the Flemish Government of 1 June 1995 laying down general and sectoral environmental hygiene provisions, as inserted by the Decree of the Flemish Government of 21 May 2021, the following amendments are introduced:

1° the seventh paragraph is replaced by the following:

'The members of the Scientific Committee on Air Emissions from Livestock Farming shall receive the following allowances and refunds:

1° a fixed annual allowance;

2° A daily allowance per plenary meeting, working group meeting of the Scientific Committee on Air Emissions from Livestock Farming, or meeting between the chairman of the Scientific Committee on Air Emissions from Livestock Farming and the chairman of the Administrative Team on Air Emissions from Livestock Farming;

3° reimbursement of travel expenses incurred in connection with meetings of the Scientific Committee on Air Emissions from Livestock Farming.';

2° in paragraph 9, the phrase 'fixed annual allowance, of the' is inserted between the words 'amount of the' and the words 'daily allowance per meeting';

3° in paragraph 9, between the words 'a member of the Scientific Committee on Air Emissions from Livestock Farming' and the words 'may receive annually', the words 'or an external expert' are inserted;

4° the words 'or annual allowance' are added to the tenth paragraph.

Chapter 3. Final provisions

Article 42. This Decree shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Belgian Official Gazette.

Article 43. The Flemish minister, competent authority for the environment and nature, is responsible for the implementation of this Decree.

Brussels, (date).

The Minister-President of the Flemish Government,

Matthias DIEPENDAELE

The Flemish Minister for Environment and Agriculture,

Jo BROUNS