

**Template to facilitate the submission of examples/good practices of strategies, policies and measures employed to implement obligations under any of the Protocols to the Convention**

<p><b>Country:</b> RUSSIAN FEDERATION</p>	<p><b>Sector:</b> <i>Industrial sector</i></p>
<p><b>Type of strategy, policy or measure:</b> <i>Regulatory (legislation) – federal law and a set of by-laws, directives of the Cabinet of Ministers</i></p>	<p><b>Level:</b> <i>Federal policy</i></p>
<p><b>What is the main objective of the strategy, policy or measure? When has it been implemented/or will be implemented?</b></p> <p><i>Federal law no.219-FZ “On amendments to the Federal law “On environmental protection” and other legal acts of the Russian” aimed at enhanced environmental protection regulation and introducing incentives for economic entities to apply best available techniques.</i>  <i>The objective of the law is to improve the environmental performance of the industrial sector through technical retrofitting and BAT implementation; in other words: “Striving for sustainable development by breaking the economic growth/environmental degradation trend”</i>  <i>The law entered into force on 1 January 2015.</i>  <i>Four “time windows” governing step-wise implementation approach, full implementation of the new regime is scheduled by 2040.</i></p>	
<p><b>Background and driving forces:</b></p> <p><i>National environmental norms and standards are generally strict. However, pollution limits setting system at the enterprise level is “flexible” and allows to legally set “relaxed” not-limiting values. At the same time the environment pollution fees are low and do not stimulate entities to introduce less polluting / “greener” technologies. Moreover, State Environment Control authorities do not have objective information on pollution scales as there is no continuous monitoring in place. All-in-all, lack of a strong environmental regulatory system leads to increased environmental damage and adverse public health effects caused by economic development.</i></p>	
<p><b>Description of the strategy, policy or measure:</b></p> <p><i>Key activities to be implemented under the policy in question:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Group economic entities by their environmental impact and apply different regulation approaches</i></li> <li>• <i>Introduce an electronic register of all economic entities (enterprises)</i></li> <li>• <i>Re-launch of the State Environmental Expertise and EIA</i></li> <li>• <i>Introduce BAT-based environment regulations for major enterprises</i></li> <li>• <i>Introduction of Integrated Environmental Permits</i></li> <li>• <i>Modernization of the environmental payment system and introduction of economic incentives to reduce pollution</i></li> <li>• <i>Improvement of industrial environmental monitoring, including application of CEMs</i></li> <li>• <i>Gradual shifting of the new environmental system till 2025 and beyond</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Four environmental impact categories:</i>  <i>For Major polluters: one integrated environmental permit for 7 years, subject to extension (instead of various permits for emissions, releases, waste deposition)</i>  <i>For Middle and Marginal level polluters: pollution declaration, environmental reporting and compliance with environmental regulations (instead of various permits for emissions, releases, waste deposition)</i>  <i>For Insignificant polluters: NO environmental regulation measures to be applied</i></p> <p><i>General systematic provisions:</i></p>	

- ✓ Shortened list of pollutants under regulations (tens instead of thousands)
- ✓ Application of indication pollutants used as baseline for pollution limit setting and control
- ✓ 1-year reporting period on pollution fee payments (instead of 3-months periods)

**BAT implementation steps:**

- Development and publication of national industry-specific BREFs
- Adoption of BAT-compliant emission levels
- Development of the list of Category I enterprises (subject to BAT compliance)
- Development of environmental programs by Category I enterprises
- Approval of environmental programs by Interagency Commission
- Positive conclusion by State Environmental Expertise after reviewing new build projects or enterprise after modernization
- Integrated environmental permit granting to enterprise

**Costs, Funding and Revenue allocation:**

Costs of regulations implementation at the state level are covered by the national budget; enterprises are provided with various incentives in order to actively implement the relevant policy provisions.

Such incentives include:

- ✚ Full compensation of interest paid on investment credits focused on environmental measures
- ✚ Additional depreciation coefficient “2” for BAT equipment (if in compliance with adopted charter of BATs)
- ✚ Costs for pollution abatement and BAT application to be deducted from environmental fees (up to 100%)
- ✚ Environmental fees to be accounted for and subject to tax deduction (profit tax)
- ✚ Increased environmental fee coefficient to stimulate application of BAT
- ✚ “Zero” environmental fees for entities fully shifted to BAT

**Effect and impacts on air pollution abatement:**

Please explain briefly the effect of the policy, strategy or measure and how it has impacted the abatement of air pollution. If impacts are known, please quantify, if possible. Please highlight also other effects of the implementation of the measure e.g. with regard to compliance, the acceptance of the measure or its transposition (e.g. from a voluntary to a regulatory or another type of measure). [150 words max]

The policy in question is in the implementation phase; it is premature to discuss direct results

**References/Further information:** Please provide most relevant sources for information such as references for web links, books, other resources.

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