

Dear Colleague

It gives us great pleasure to introduce the December 2007 update to the third edition of the EMEP/CORINAIR Atmospheric Emission Inventory Guidebook. Late 2006 the Guidebook went through a major update with respect to information on emission estimation methodologies for particulate matter. The changes in the 2007 version from the 2006 version are minor.

In 2008 a major update and restructuring of the Guidebook is expected. The Guidebook will then appear in a new format and contain updated estimation methodologies for most sources.

This Guidebook has been prepared by the expert panels of the UNECE/EMEP Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections and is published by the European Environment Agency (EEA).

The Guidebook is intended for general reference and, in conjunction with the revised Reporting Guidelines (**Emission Reporting Guidelines – ECE/EB.AIR/80**), for use by parties to the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP) for reporting to the UNECE Secretariat in Geneva.

This edition continues to be ordered according to source nomenclature – SNAP97 – developed by the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections but it is consistent with both the Nomenclature for Reporting (NFR) used for reporting under LRTAP and IPCC source nomenclature developed for reporting under the UN Framework Climate Change Convention.

In order to better maintain and update the Guidebook it is now available only in electronic form via the European Environment Agency's Internet website (<http://www.eea.europa.eu>). We hope that you will continue to find the Guidebook a valuable reference document and will make use of it.

If you find anything that you consider incorrect, out-of-date or inappropriate, if you have access to anything better, or if you have data or information on activities not included in this edition, we would be grateful if you could let the Task Force Secretariat/Chair know so that the Guidebook can be further updated.

Finally we would like to thank the expert panel members for their work in preparing, using and reviewing the material and the EEA for publishing the material.

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