

CHAPTER 9.2 - Improvements

Improvements since last Submission



The following table provides an overview of the main improvements introduced with the current NFR and IIR submission and their affect on the **TACCC** principles for **T**ransparency, **A**ccuracy, **C**onsistency, **C**ompleteness, and **C**omparability.

What?	Where?	improvement of:					result of review?
		Transparency	Accuracy	Consistency	Completeness	Comparability	
IMPROVEMENTS SPECIFIC TO GERMANY'S EMISSIONS INVENTORY (as provided in the NFR tables)							
newly implemented emission sources (!)					x	x	
newly implemented emission estimates (replacing 'NE')	BC from 1.A.3.b vii; TSP, PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5} from 2.D.3.c				x	x	
re-allocation of activity data and/or emissions							
upgrade of tier approach	PM from 1.A.3.b vi: upgrade to tier2 (EMEP/EEA Guidebook 2023, Update 2025)	x	x			x	
adoption of EF from:							
(i) the latest EMEP/EEA Guidebook (ongoing)	BC & PM from maritime navigation: EF for PM and BC based in (Scipper, 2021), as provided in the related chapter of the 2023 EMEP/EEA Guidebook					x	
(ii) the IPCC Refinement (2019)							
(iii) research projects							
IMPROVEMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE IIR							
(i) in-depth revision of chapter		x		x			x
(ii) new chapter/annex							

(iii) provision of original inventory data	Appendix 2.4: derivation of tier2 EF for PAH from 1.A.3.b i-iv; 1.A.3.c- Railways : derivation of tier1 EF for PAH and HM	x					x	
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Improvements planned for future submissions

Possible improvement issues that have been identified so far and will be checked in the future are given below:

OVER-ALL INVENTORY (all source categories)

- To prioritise improvements on the basis of the results of the uncertainty analysis, it is planned to determine uncertainty analysis at source category level.

stationary fuel combustion:

- 1.A.1.a: evaluation of measurement data on POPs and heavy metal in large combustion plants
- 1.A.1.b: revision of SO₂ emission factors
- further improvements of PAH Emission factors for small combustion plants

mobile fuel combustion:

- 1.A.3.b vi + vii: update of emission factors for abrasive emissions from tyres and brakes (via research project), with special focus on Euro7 standard; possible implementation into TREMOD
- 1.A.3.c: validation and revision of approach for abrasive emissions from railways; possible implementation into TREMOD
- navigation & shipping (1.A.3.d i, 1.A.3.d ii, 1.A.4.c iii and 1.A.5.b): implementation of specific PAH tier1 default emission factors from EMEP/EEA Guidebook 2023 (see [maritime_vessels](#))

industrial processes:

- aluminium production: completeness of PAH reporting
- iron and steel production: assessment of the use of default emission factors to complete PAH emission reporting.
- copper production: completeness of HM reporting

Investigated Review Findings

NECD 2025

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Official Comment for IIR
Accuracy Transparency pre-2023 GB Finding	1.A.3.d ii	2025	lack of transparency regarding the use of default PAH emission factors from 1.A.3.c and 1.A.3.b.	DE-1A3dii-2025-0001	resolved	
Accuracy Transparency	1.A.3.d i(i)	2023	lack of transparency regarding the rather high PM emission factors applied	DE-1A3di(i)-2023-0002	resolved	EF revised within underlying model (see here)
Transparency	1.A.3.c	2025	lack of transparency regarding the source of emission factors.	DE-1A3c-2025-0002	resolved	

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Transparency pre-2023 GB Finding	1.A.3.b	2025	lack of transparency regarding the trend and sources of default POP emission factors.	DE-1A3b-2025-0001	resolved	default-EF updated to latest version of EMEP/EEA Guidebook 2023 (Update 2025) (see also here)

NECD 2024

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Official Comment for IIR
Completeness	2D3c	2022	For particulate matter Germany did not provide estimates and was using the notation key 'NA' (not applicable) in its NFR	DE-2D3c-2022-0001	yes	The research project is ongoing. For the current submission we changed the notation keys to 'NE' and will report on further progress made implementing this improvement in future IIR submissions here
Accuracy	1A3di(i)	2023	Check PM2.5 implied emission factor	DE-1A3di(i)-2023-0002	no	
Transparency	2D3a	2023	Improve discription of domestic solvent use	DE-2D3a-2023-0001	no	
Accuracy	2D3e	2023	investigate the possibility of using surrogate data	DE-2D3e-2023-0001	no	

CLRTAP 2024

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
Completeness	2D3a	2024	allocate NMVOC emissions related to pesticides use to SNAP 060604 (other other) instead of SNAP 060412. Table 3-17 of the 2023 guidebook chapter 2.D.3.i 2.G supplies an emission factor for pesticides - Describe emission factors as (guidebook) EF [emission / AD] * solvent content [%] in the next submission	DE-2024-2D3a-1	no	
Completeness	2D3a	2024	either add human resources in order to find an AD source for hand sanitizers in category 2D3a or to transparently describe the issue of hand sanitizer use in more detail including evidence that (also during the pandemic) hand sanitizers are fully GERMANY 2024 Page 9 of 25 included in 2D3a domestic solvent use including fungicides. Sources of relevant AD could be the association of soap and/or sanitizer producers or ESIG data.	DE-2024-2D3a-2	no	
Consistency	2D3e	2024	merge the two time-series in one unique consistent series by using methods to resolve data gap and merge two series	DE-2024-2D3e-1	no	
Consistency	2D3f	2024	add human resources in order to gain better insight in trend explanation	DE-2024-2D3f-1	no	
Consistency	2D3g	2024	merge these two subseries together to one consistent series by using methods to resolve data gap and merge two series	DE-2024-2D3g-1	no	

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
Consistency	2D3h	2024	add human resources in order to gain better insight in trend explanation	DE-2024-2D3h-1	no	
Transparency	2D3a	2024	add human resources for the next submission to provide more pieces of information on its methodology and evolution of EF over the years for the different categories of domestic products considered in 2D3a and how the impact of regulations mentioned in the IIR 2024 has been determined - explain whether the information from the reference 1 dated from 1996 has been updated	DE-2024-2D3a-3	no	
Transparency	2D3d	2024	add human resources for the next submission to provide more pieces of information on its methodology GERMANY 2024 Page 15 of 25 and evolution of EF and AD over the years for the different sub-activities considered in 2D3d and how the impact of regulations mentioned in the IIR 2024 has been determined	DE-2024-2D3d-2	no	
Transparency	2D3e	2024	add human resources for the next submission to provide more pieces of information on its methodology and evolution of EF and AD over the years for 2D3e and how the impact of regulations mentioned in the IIR 2024 has been determined	DE-2024-2D3e-2	no	
Transparency	2D3f	2024	add human resources for the next submission to provide more pieces of information on its methodology and evolution of EF and AD over the years for 2D3f and how the impact of regulations mentioned in the IIR 2024 has been determined	DE-2024-2D3f-2	no	
Transparency	2D3g	2024	add human resources for the next submission to provide more pieces of information on its methodology and evolution of EF and AD over the years for 2D3g and how the impact of regulations mentioned in the IIR 2024 has been determined	DE-2024-2D3g-2	no	
Transparency	2D3h	2024	add human resources for the next submission to provide more pieces of information on its methodology and evolution of EF and AD over the years for 2D3h and how the impact of regulations mentioned in the IIR 2024 has been determined. - use the procedure that is available according to which a party provides confidential information to the ERT under strict conditions.	DE-2024-2D3h-2	no	
Transparency	2D3i	2024	add human resources for the next submission to provide more pieces of information on its methodology and evolution of EF and AD over the years for 2D3i and how the impact of regulations mentioned in the IIR 2024 has been determined	DE-2024-2D3i-1	no	
Consistency	2D3e	2024	consider this issue when implementing the recommendation for question DE-2024-2D3e-1	DE-2024-2D3e-3	no	

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Consistency	2D3d	2024	merge the two time-series in one unique consistent series by using methods to resolve data gap and merge two series	DE-2024-2D3d-1	no	

NECD 2023

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Official Comment for IIR
(lack of) Transparency	2C4	2022	Lack of transparency regarding the use of notation keys does not match IIR description	DE-2-2022-0002;DE-2-2022-0002	Partly	
	2D3	2023	Check Notation keys	DE-2D-2023-0001	No	
	2D3a	2023	Improve discription of domestic solvent use	DE-2D3a-2023-0001	partly	
	2D3i	2023	consider allocation of NMVOC from lubricants, concrete additives, and plant protectives to NFR 2.G and provide information for not calculating the emission from use of shoes, and clarification about reporting NMVOC from lubricants and cooling lubricants	DE-2D3i-2023-0001	Yes except the allocation of concrete additives and plant protectives	
	3Da2c	2023	harmonise description of conversion of NO _x EFs throughout all Chapters for 3.D Agricultural soils in the IIR	DE-3Da2c-2023-0001	Yes	
	3Dc	2023	correct tier level for 3.D.c provided in the IIR	DE-3Dc-2023-0001	No	tier corrected to T2
	5E	2023	Include the information (weighting factors applied for each type of buildings/car fires in order to derive the number of full-scale fires justification that the default emission factors refer to full-scale burning) and complete the description with detailed activity data split by type of fire (small medium major) and category of buildings including the sources of the data.	DE-5E-2023-0001	Yes	Germany has improved transparency regarding the methodological description. About the conversion of different types of fires to full-scale fires and about the activity data split by type of fire now there is more information in IIR.
	2A5a	2023	Include an explanation for how the share of the emissions from saltmining has been determined	DE-2A5a-2023-0001	Yes	Germany has included an explanation of the determination in IIR and has added an informative graph.
Accuracy	1A3di(i)	2023	check PM _{2.5} implied emission factor	DE-1A3di(i)-2023-0002	No	
	2D3e	2023	investigate the possibility of using surrogate data	DE-2D3e-2023-0001	No	

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Completeness	2D3c	2022	For particulate matter Germany did not provide estimates and was using the notation key 'NA' (not applicable) in its NFR	DE-2D3c-2022-0001;DE-2D3c-2022-0001	Yes	The research is ongoing now we have changed the notation keys to NE. Germany will report on the progress made implementing this improvement in IIR submissions.
	3B	2022	Other animals not reported	DE-3B4h-2022-0001;DE-3B4h-2022-0001	Yes	Will be implemented in Submission 2024
	5A	2023	estimate PM emissions from all mineral waste handled (including backfilling) or provide a justification in the IIR that the estimate includes all relevant emissions	DE-5A-2023-0001	Yes	
Consistency	3B4gi	2023	Correct inconsistencies in the timeseries and to include explanations of any fluctuations with clear references to other documents and corresponding statements	Germany-2023-3B-4	No	
	3B4gii	2023	Correct inconsistencies in the timeseries and include explanations of any fluctuations with clear references to other documents and corresponding statements in it the IIR	Germany-2023-3B-5	Yes	Germany will add the link to chimney sweeps statistic in the next IIR submission.

CLRTAP 2023

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
(lack of) Transparency	3F	2023	Include information and the correct reference to Roseman et al. (2023) in the IIR	Germany-2023-3F-1	No	Updated Publication is now correctly referenced as Vos et al. 2024
	KCA	2023	Includes information on available the linked background files on the quantitative KCA level and trend assessment in its IIR	Germany-2023-0-1	Yes	
	3B2\3B4d\3B4e	2023	Add in the improvement plan a year in which the CLRTAP recommendation was implemented to include a clear reference to the chapters of the NIR and other documents and to link the previous IIRs in the relevant chapters	Germany-2023-3B-2	No	
	3b1a\3B3\3B4gi	2023	include the provided justifications of fluctuations in emissions and changes in the calculations in its IIR and to add in the improvement plan the year in which the recommendation was implemented	Germany-2023-3B-3	No	
Consistency	3B4gi	2023	correct inconsistencies in the timeseries and to include explanations of any fluctuations with clear references to other documents and corresponding statements	Germany-2023-3B-4	No	
	3B4gii	2023	Correct inconsistencies in the timeseries and include explanations of any fluctuations with clear references to other documents and corresponding statements in it the IIR	Germany-2023-3B-5	Yes	
Completeness	3B4h	2023	Continue the effort in calculating emissions from the category Other animals and include more detailed information on the manner of the gathering activity data for this category	Germany 2023-3B-1	No	Emissions from other animals (deer ostrich rabbits fur-bearing animals) included.

NECD 2022

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
(lack of) Transparency	1A5b	2022	Lack of transparency regarding the NO _x emissions outlier in 2005 compared to 2000-2010 emissions	DE-1A5b-2022-0001	Yes	
	1A5b	2022	Lack of transparency regarding the PM _{2.5} emissions outlier in 2005 compared to 2000-2010 emissions	DE-1A5b-2022-0002	Partly	
	2C4	2022	Lack of transparency regarding the use of notation keys does not match IIR description	DE-2-2022-0002	Partly	
	2G	2022	Lack of transparency regarding the drop in the emissions in 2020 from the previous rather steady trend	DE-2G-2022-0001	Yes	
	2J	2022	Lack of transparency regarding the use of notation keys because the notation keys 'NA' and 'NE' do not match the explanation in the IIR	DE-2J-2022-0001	Yes	
	2K	2022	Lack of transparency on the use of these notation keys and the explanation provided in the IIR	DE-2K-2022-0001	No	
	3D	2022	Lack of transparency regarding activity data reported in the NFR tables for years 1990-2020	DE-3D-2022-0001	Yes	
Consistency	1A4ciii	2018		DE-1A4ciii-2018-0001	No	As described in the relevant IIR chapter activity data for maritime navigation including fishing is estimated bottom-up in a country-specific model and based on ship movement data. From that perspective jumps in fuel consumption cannot be explained by errors in statistics but are assumed to represent reality in respect to the amounts of fuels used by fishing vessels operating from German harbours.

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Completeness	2D3c	2022	For particulate matter Germany did not provide estimates and was using the notation key 'NA' (not applicable) in its NFR	DE-2D3c-2022-0001	Yes	The research is ongoing now we have changed the notation keys to NE. Germany will report on the progress made implementing this improvement in IIR submissions.
	2H1	2022	Germany reports 'IE' for all pollutants under NFR 1.A.2.d assuming that the fuel-related emissions are allocated under 2.H.1. However, for BC and CO the notation key 'NE' is used	DE-2H1-2022-0002	Yes	We have improved the IIR documentation of the allocation of all emissions from the pulp and paper industry and included an explanation of the management of process related sulphur and ammonia emissions for pulping processes occurring in Germany.
	3B	2022	Other animals not reported	DE-3B4h-2022-0001	Yes	Will be implemented in Submission 2024
	3Da2a	2022	Use of notation key for NMVOC while emissions are expected	DE-3Da2a-2022-0001	Yes	
	5D1	2022	Lack of transparency regarding dry toilets (including latrines)	DE-5-2022-0001	No	
Accuracy	3Dc	2022	Farm-Level Agricultural Operations should be reported using Tier 2 or higher	DE-3Dc-2022-0001	Yes	

CLRTAP 2022

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
(lack of) Transparency	1A4bi	2022	Document the description of the activity date in more detail including information from the chimney sweeps statistic in the next IIR submission.	§ 10 (CLRTAP 2022)	No	Germany will add the link to chimney sweeps statistic in the next IIR submission.
	1A4bi	2022	Provide a complete and clear documentation on the splitting of appliance types are in the next IIR submission.	§ 12 (CLRTAP 2022)	Partly	Germany will check possible further information and report the results in future IIR submission.
	1A4bi	2022	Include information on the measurement standards and equipment used to determine the emission factors.	§ 14 (CLRTAP 2022)	No	Germany will check possible further information and report the results in future IIR submission. Nevertheless information about the status is already included in IIR.
	1A4bi	2022	Include the information provided during the review on the approach to the so-called user impact	§ 17 (CLRTAP 2022)	No	Germany will look at the development of the Guidebook and then will consider changes.
	1A4bi	2022	Include further information on the age distribution of the vehicle fleet and more information about the traffic condition.	§ 25 (CLRTAP 2022)		
Completeness	1A4bi	2022	Further investigate for each biomass and coal PM emission factor whether or not condensables are included.	§ 18 (CLRTAP 2022)	No	Germany will look at the development of the Guidebook and then will consider changes.

NECD 2021

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
General	LPS	2021	Update to the 2019 dataset	DE-LPS-GEN-2021-0002	No	

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
(lack of) Transparency	1A1a\1A2gviii\1A4\1B1	2021	Clearly reference EFs used for HCB and BC	DE-1A1a-2021-0001	Yes	
	1A2b	2021	Update notation key used for BC emission	DE-1A2b-2021-0001	Yes	
	1A2e	2021	Update notation key for BC and check allocation	DE-1A2e-2021-0001	Yes	The notation key for 1.A.2.e is changed and a description of the allocation of the emissions is included in the IIR 2022.
	1A4bii	2021	Update IIR description	DE-1A4bii-2021-0001	Yes	
	1A3ei	2021	Explicitly state why PM _{2.5} is equal to PM ₁₀	DE-1A3ei-2021-0001	Yes	
	5	2021	Update to the latest Guidebook where needed	DE-5-2021-0001	Yes	Citation has been updated to the latest GB version - no changes in EF needed. Only for 5C2 some changes in EF is planned.
Consistency	1A4ciii	2018	Large increase in AD from 2015 to 2016	DE-1A4ciii-2018-0001	No	As described in the relevant IIR chapter activity data for maritime navigation including fishing is estimated bottom-up in a country-specific model and based on ship movement data. From that perspective jumps in fuel consumption cannot be explained by errors in statistics but are assumed to represent reality in respect to the amounts of fuels used by fishing vessels operating from German harbours.
	1A4cii	2018	Inconsistent AD values NFR vs. IIR	DE-1A4cii-2018-0001	Yes	
	1A1b	2021	Resolve time series issue for BC	DE-1A1b-2021-0001	No	

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
Completeness	2D3g	2018	Report PAHs from 2.D.3.g Chemical Products	DE-2D3g-2018-0001	Yes	
	LPS	2020	Add missing pollutants: PAHs, PCBs, PM _{2.5}	DE-LPS-GEN-2020-0001	Yes	Since these pollutants are not in the ePRTR dataset Germany cannot report them.
	1A2a	2021	Report BC emissions	DE-1A2a-2021-0002	No	
	1A2a	2021	Include BC emissions	DE-1A2a-2021-0001	Yes	
	1A5a	2021	Include BC emissions	DE-1A5a-2021-0001	Yes	
	2A3	2021	Include BC emissions	DE-2A3-2021-0001	Yes	The notation key for BC is changed from 'NA' to 'NE' and a justification for this notation key is included in the IIR.
	LPS	2021	Include PCDD/F emissions	DE-LPS-GEN-2021-0001	No	
	GRID	2021	Include NOx emissions from shipping	DE-GRID-G-2021-0001	Yes	
Comparability	1B1b	2021	Update PAH reporting	DE-1B1b-2021-0001	Yes	Revised emission factors developed according to suggestions in review.
	2A1	2021	Update PAH reporting	DE-2A1-2021-0001	Yes	Details of the methodology used for BaP and for PAH-1-4 estimation are explained in IIR 2022.
	2C1	2021	Update PAH reporting	DE-2C1-2021-0001	Yes	
	2C3	2021	Update PAH reporting	DE-2C3-2021-0001	partly	
Accuracy	1A2f	2021	Move CO emission calculation to a higher tier	DE-1A2f-2021-0003	Yes	

NECD 2020

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
General	LPS	2020	Improve consistency with the latest ePRTR reporting.	DE-LPS-GEN-2020-0002	Yes	

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
(lack of) Transparency	3I	2020	Improve the transparency of the calculations used for NO emissions from storage of digestate from energy crops.	DE-3I-2020-0001	Yes	
	2C7a	2020	Improve Transparency for Cd and Pb emissions from copper production	DE-2C7a-2020-0001	Yes	
	LPS	2020	Reallocate livestock emissions from GNFR L_AgriOther to K_AgriLivestock	DE-LPS-K-2020-0001	Yes	
Consistency	1A4cii	2018	IEF Cd trend since 2007 erratic	DE-1A4cii-2018-0001	Partly	As described in the relevant IIR chapter activity data for maritime navigation including fishing is estimated bottom-up in a country-specific model and based on ship movement data. From that perspective jumps in fuel consumption cannot be explained by errors in statistics but are assumed to represent reality in respect to the amounts of fuels used by fishing vessels operating from German harbours.
	1A4ciii	2018	Large increase in AD from 2015 to 2016	DE-1A4ciii-2018-0001	No	Metal and PCDD/F emissions are not considered as fugitive. If IE would be used nevertheless one can assume there are such fugitives. Germany suggest to keep the notation key NA.

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Completeness	2B6	2017	Include the NOx emissions in the next submission.	DE-2B6-2017-0001;DE-2B6-2018-0001	Yes	
	2D3g	2018	Report PAHs from 2D3g Chemical Products	DE-2D3g-2018-0001	Yes	
	2C1	2018	Potential under-estimate of emissions of HCB	DE-2C1-2018-0001	Yes	Implemented in submission 2021 using the default emission factor from the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook.
	5D2	2019	NMVOC emissions missing although default EFs exist	DE-5D2-2019-0001	Yes	Industrial wastewater NMVOC emissions were implemented and are part of the 2021 reporting.
	2D3a	2019	Emissions of Hg not estimated	DE-2D3a-2019-0001	Yes	
	LPS	2020	Add missing pollutants PAHs PCBs PM2.5	DE-LPS-GEN-2020-0001	Yes	Since these pollutants are not in the ePRTR dataset Germany cannot report them.
	GRID	2020	Add gridded emissions of Cd Pb Hg PCDD/F PAHs HCB PCBs to reporting	DE-GRID-GEN-2020-0001	Yes	
Accuracy	2D3a	2018	Rationale for not estimating emissions in category 2D3a and notation key selection	DE-2D3a-2018-0001	Yes	Germany is in the process of evaluating data to calculate emissions of Hg from the use of fluorescent tubes.
	LPS	2020	Check emission data for facility "Heyne & Penke Verpackungen GmbH"	DE-LPS-E-2020-0001	Yes	

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
QA/QC	LPS	2020	Improve coordinates given check for collisions	DE-LPS-GEN-2020-0004	No	
	LPS	2020	Make sure each point source reported has unique key build from attributes	DE-LPS-GEN-2020-0003	No	Germany checked this issue and does not see any reason to change the data. It is unclear why LPS name GNFR and stack height should function as a key alternative in particular because the table already provides the ePRTR ID as an unique and valid key.

NECD 2019

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
(lack of) Transparency	1A1	2017	Presents its NH3 EF for stationary combustion in the next submission of its IIR justify the use of these and compare these against the values in 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook.	DE-1A1-2017-0001;DE-1A1-2018-0001	Yes	A comparison with default values is not possible.
Consistency	1A4cii	2018	IEF Cd trend since 2007 erratic	DE-1A4cii-2018-0001	Partly	As the National Energy Balances 2003 to 2020 have been revised by the Working Group on Energy Balances (AGEB) in advance of the 2024 submission this erratic trend has been resolved.
	1A4ciii	2018	Large increase in AD from 2015 to 2016	DE-1A4ciii-2018-0001	No	As described in the relevant IIR chapter activity data for maritime navigation including fishing is estimated bottom-up in a country-specific model and based on ship movement data. From that perspective jumps in fuel consumption cannot be explained by errors in statistics but are assumed to represent reality in respect to the amounts of fuels used by fishing vessels operating from German harbours.
	1A4bii	2019	Significant fluctuations in fuel consumption over the time series	DE-1A4bii-2019-0001	Yes	As the National Energy Balances 2003 to 2020 have been revised by the Working Group on Energy Balances (AGEB) in advance of the 2024 submission this erratic trend has been resolved.

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Completeness	2B3	2017	Include the NOx emissions in the next submission preferably using a country specific method to account for the specific technologies and abatement equipment applied.	DE-2B3-2017-0001;DE-2B3-2018-0001	Yes	
	2B6	2017	Include the NOx emissions in the next submission.	DE-2B6-2017-0001;DE-2B6-2018-0001	Yes	
	5A	2017	Include NMVOC and PM2.5 emissions from 5A in its next submission.	DE-5A-2017-0001;DE-5A-2018-0001	Yes	Implemented in 2020 reporting. Although only the reporting of NMVOC and PM2.5 emissions was requested Germany decided to additionally report PM10 and TSP.
	2D3g	2018	Report PAHs from 2D3g Chemical Products	DE-2D3g-2018-0001	Yes	
	2C1	2018	Potential under-estimate of emissions of HCB	DE-2C1-2018-0001	Yes	Implemented in submission 2021 using the default emission factor from the 2019 EMEP/EEA Guidebook.
	5D2	2019	NMVOC emissions missing although default EFs exist	DE-5D2-2019-0001	Yes	Industrial wastewater NMVOC emissions were implemented and are part of the 2021 reporting.
	1A2a	2019	NE reported for Cadmium although a default EF is available	DE-1A2a-2019-0001	Yes	
	1A2b	2019	NE reported for some pollutants although default EFs are available	DE-1A2b-2019-0002	Yes	
	1A2b	2019	NA is reported for HCB 1990	DE-1A2b-2019-0001	Yes	Germany carefully checked all possible additional sources for HCB in this sector. This includes the BREF documents as well as other literature. There was no indication for any missing emission found. The emission factors in the Guidebook are only applicable to processes not occurring in Germany.
	1A3b	2019	PCB emissions missing for all years although default emission factors are available	DE-1A3b-2019-0001	Yes	Emissions calculated based on default EF
	1A3c	2019	Update notation key from NE to NA	DE-1A3c-2019-0001	Yes	
	2D3a	2019	Emissions of Hg not estimated	DE-2D3a-2019-0001	Yes	
5C2	2019	Emission are not estimated for PCDD/F Pb and Cd although default EFs are available	DE-5C2-2019-0001	Yes	Default-EF used emissions reported.	
Comparability	1A4ai	2019	Implied EFs PAHs and PCDD/F are outliers compared to other member states	DE-1A4ai-2019-0001	No	
Accuracy	1A1a	2017	Include the revised estimate of activity data and emissions for biogas in its next submission.	DE-1A1a-2017-0003;DE-1A1a-2018-0001	Partly	Implemented in 2020 submission
	2D3a	2018	Rationale for not estimating emissions in category 2D3a and notation key selection	DE-2D3a-2018-0001	Yes	Germany is in the process of evaluating data to calculate emissions of Hg from the use of fluorescent tubes.
	3B	2019	Tier 1 method used for key category	DE-3B-2019-0001	Yes	Implemented in 2020 reporting

NECD 2018

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(lack of) Transparency	1A1	2017	Presents its NH3 EF for stationary combustion in the next submission of its IIR justify the use of these and compare these against the values in 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook.	DE-1A1-2017-0001;DE-1A1-2018-0001	Yes	A comparison with default values is not possible.
	1A1b	2014	Include the country specific EFs for combustion in refineries in the relating chapter of its IIR to improve transparency.	§ 55 (CLRTAP 2014);DE-1A1b-2017-0001;DE-1A1b-2018-0001	Yes	The emission factors continue to be under revision. New emission factors will be included in the IIR following the use of results of a finished project.
	2D3d	2017	Include explanation on recalculation to 1994 in the next submission.	DE-2D3d-2017-0001;DE-2D3d-2018-0001	Yes	Was reported with the submission 2019.
	1A3bi	2018	Incorrect notation keys for activity data	DE-1A3bi-2018-0002	Yes	notation keys replaced by activity data values
	1A3bv	2018	Incorrect notation keys for HCB and PCB emissions	DE-1A3bv-2018-0001	Yes	'NE' replaced by 'NA' as suggested by the TERT
Consistency	1A4cii	2018	IEF Cd trend since 2007 erratic	DE-1A4cii-2018-0001	Partly	As the National Energy Balances 2003 to 2020 have been revised by the Working Group on Energy Balances (AGEB) in advance of the 2024 submission this erratic trend has been resolved.
	1A4ciii	2018	Large increase in AD from 2015 to 2016	DE-1A4ciii-2018-0001	No	As described in the relevant IIR chapter activity data for maritime navigation including fishing is estimated bottom-up in a country-specific model and based on ship movement data. From that perspective jumps in fuel consumption cannot be explained by errors in statistics but are assumed to represent reality in respect to the amounts of fuels used by fishing vessels operating from German harbours.
	1A4cii	2018	Inconsistent AD values NFR vs. IIR	DE-1A4cii-2018-0001	Yes	

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Completeness	2B3	2017	Include the NOx emissions in the next submission preferably using a country specific method to account for the specific technologies and abatement equipment applied.	DE-2B3-2017-0001;DE-2B3-2018-0001	Yes	
	2B6	2017	Include the NOx emissions in the next submission.	DE-2B6-2017-0001;DE-2B6-2018-0001	Yes	
	2C3	2017	Include NOx from aluminium production in the next submission to improve completeness and comparability.	DE-2C3-2017-0001;DE-2C3-2018-0002	Yes	Germany carefully assessed the situation regarding this issue and concluded that no substantial NOx emission are to be expected from this source. But in order to avoid an underestimation Germany implemented the default EF of the emission guidebook 2019.
	5A	2017	Include NMVOC and PM2.5 emissions from 5A in its next submission.	DE-5A-2017-0001;DE-5A-2018-0001	Yes	Implemented in 2020 reporting. Although only the reporting of NMVOC and PM2.5 emissions was requested Germany decided to additionally report PM10 and TSP.
	5D	2017	Include the estimation of NMVOC emissions from wastewater treatment plant in its next submission.	DE-5D-2017-0001;DE-5D-2018-0001	Yes	
	2D3g	2018	Report PAHs from 2D3g Chemical Products	DE-2D3g-2018-0001	Yes	
	1B2aiv	2018	Potential under-estimate of emissions of Hg Cd PCDD/F	DE-1B2aiv-2018-0001	Yes	Metal and PCDD/F emissions are not considered as fugitive. If IE would be used nevertheless one can assume there are such fugitives. Germany suggest to keep the notation key NA.
	2C1	2018	Potential under-estimate of emissions of HCB	DE-2C1-2018-0001	Yes	Data acquisition for the resolution of this issue will be implemented in the framework of a research project updating several emission factors. The effort is scheduled to start in 2021 and will take about 3 years. Until then the default emission factor from the EMEP/EEA Guidebook is used.
	2C3	2018	Potential under-estimate of emissions of HCB	DE-2C3-2018-0001	Yes	Implemented in submission 2019 using the default emission factor of the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook
Comparability	5C	2018	Hg EF is 100 times smaller than the default value proposed in the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook and the Cd and Pb EF are 1000 times smaller than the default values proposed in the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook	DE-5-2018-0001	No	References to research Projects of CS-EF added
Accuracy	1A1a	2017	Include the revised estimate of activity data and emissions for biogas in its next submission.	DE-1A1a-2017-0003;DE-1A1a-2018-0001	Partly	Implemented in 2020 submission
	2D3a	2018	Rationale for not estimating emissions in category 2D3a and notation key selection	DE-2D3a-2018-0001	Yes	Germany is in the process of evaluating data to calculate emissions of Hg from the use of fluorescent tubes.

NECD 2017

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(lack of) Transparency	1A1	2017	Presents its NH3 EF for stationary combustion in the next submission of its IIR justify the use of these and compare these against the values in 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook.	DE-1A1-2017-0001;DE-1A1-2018-0001	Yes	A comparison with default values is not possible.	
	1A1a	2017	Improves the transparency of its IIR regarding PM2.5 shares used for each fuel (solid fuels (coal and lignite) and gaseous fuels but also biomass if relevant).	DE-1A1a-2017-0001	No		
	1A1b	2014	Include the country specific EFs for combustion in refineries in the relating chapter of its IIR to improve transparency.	§ 55 (CLRTAP 2014);DE-1A1b-2017-0001;DE-1A1b-2018-0001	Yes	The emission factors continue to be under revision. New emission factors will be included in the IIR following the use of results of a finished project.	
	1A2gviii	2017	Improve the transparency of the IIR to explain its assumptions on the PM2.5 fraction used for each fuel and particularly for liquid fuels biomass and other fuels.	DE-1A2gviii-2017-0001	Yes		
	2A1	2017	Include the explanation and rationale for using two sets of activity data to be included in the IIR for the next submission.	DE-2A1-2017-0001	Yes		
	2C	2017	Update the SO2 emission factors for 2C5 2C6 and 2C7a for the next submission to reflect the individual production activities and to include more transparent information on primary vs. secondary production of lead zinc and copper in the IIR.	DE-2C-2017-0001	Yes		
	2D3d	2017	Include explanation on recalculation to 1994 in the next submission.	DE-2D3d-2017-0001;DE-2D3d-2018-0001	Yes	Was reported with the submission 2019.	
	3B	2017	Include the information for the proportional of NO-N and N2 and the reference in the IIR to improve transparency.	DE-3B-2017-0002	Yes		
	3B2	2017	Mention that NFR 3B2 includes lambs and also explain the lower EF NMVOC used for lambs. Furthermore the TERT recommend that Germany in IIR mentioned that pullets are included in NFR 3B4giv other poultry.	DE-3B2-2017-0004	Yes		
Consistency	3F	2017	Include more information in the IIR for the next submission referring to the specific law and clarifying from which year the ban came into force. Furthermore it is recommended to inform whether there are derogations for field burning under certain circumstances or for certain crop types.	DE-3F-2017-0001	Yes		
	1A2	2017	Use the right notation keys in the NFR tables for its next submissions. (1A2 Stationary Combustion in Manufacturing Industries and Construction PM2.5 2005-2015)	DE-1A2-2017-0001	Yes		
	Completeness	5E	2010	Although the Guidebook has methods for car and house fires in Chapter 6 it may be more transparent to include these in Chapter 7 as Chapter 6D is more focused on compost and sludge. The ERT encourages Germany to consider including some of these emissions in the next submissions.	§ 116 (CLRTAP 2010);§139 (CLRTAP 2014);DE-5A-2017-0003	Partly	
		2B10a	2017	Investigate whether flaring occurs in relation to carbide production e.g. by contacting the single producer of carbide.	DE-2B10a-2017-0002	Yes	Flaring is a common destruction technic in chemical industry. But no information exists to assign flaring quantities to a single installation.
		2B3	2017	Include the NOx emissions in the next submission preferably using a country specific method to account for the specific technologies and abatement equipment applied.	DE-2B3-2017-0001;DE-2B3-2018-0001	Yes	
		2B6	2017	Include the NOx emissions in the next submission.	DE-2B6-2017-0001;DE-2B6-2018-0001	Yes	
		2C3	2017	Include NOx from aluminium production in the next submission to improve completeness and comparability.	DE-2C3-2017-0001;DE-2C3-2018-0002	Yes	Germany carefully assessed the situation regarding this issue and concluded that no substantial NOx emission are to be expected from this source. But in order to avoid an underestimation Germany implemented the default EF of the emission guidebook 2019.
		3D1bii	2017	Include the emission from sewage sludge applied to agricultural soils in the next submission.	DE-3Da2b-2017-0001	Yes	
		5A	2017	Include NMVOC and PM2.5 emissions from 5A in its next submission.	DE-5A-2017-0001;DE-5A-2018-0001	Yes	Implemented in 2020 reporting. Although only the reporting of NMVOC and PM2.5 emissions was requested Germany decided to additionally report PM10 and TSP.
		5D	2017	Include the estimation of NMVOC emissions from wastewater treatment plant in its next submission.	DE-5D-2017-0001;DE-5D-2018-0001	Yes	

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Comparability	3D1a	2017	Use the updated emission factors available in the 2016 EMEP/EEA Guidebook (Table 3.2) for the next submission.	DE-3Da1-2017-0001	Yes	
Accuracy	1A1a	2017	Include the revised estimate of activity data and emissions for biogas in its next submission.	DE-1A1a-2017-0003;DE-1A1a-2018-0001	Partly	Implemented in 2020 submission

CLRTAP 2014

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General		2010	Provide a PDF version of the IIR for offline use and to better facilitate the review process	§ 6 9 11 28 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 17 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	The German IIR is basically created in the form and structure of a wiki and is published as such. A parallel publication in the form of a continuous text document is currently not planned. However the inventory compiler routinely creates a PDF copy of the finished report particularly for documentation purposes - which can be made available upon request and if necessary for example during a review.
		2014	Use the results of the KCA to prioritise improvements in the inventory	§ 14 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
(lack of) Transparency	3B	2014	Explain the variation in activity data for goats in the IIR.	§ 120 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	2D3	2014	The methodology described in the IIR for solvent and other product use is found to be not transparent. Provide detail on all 37 subcategories including activity data and emission factors.	§ 18 96 97 98 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	The transparency for the solvents used and products used sector in the IIR was much improved in the submission 2016.
		2010	Inaccuracies were found in the use of notation keys and it is recommended to justify the use of notation keys in the IIR for each particular sector.	§ 38 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 19 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Information tables for NE & IE were added to the completeness chapter of the current IIR.
		2014	Provide more detailed to explain emission trends e.g. annual fluctuations and discontinuities of emissions.	§ 21 78 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
		2014	Extend the use of a bibliography for some subsectors to all sectors in the IIR.	§ 77 (CLRTAP 2014)	No	The amount of recurring references is very small within most source categories. And the total number of references per page is usually quite low. So directly linking to the documents seems like a good way to make sources available to the readers.
	1A1b	2014	Include the country specific EFs for combustion in refineries in the relating chapter of its IIR to improve transparency.	§ 55 (CLRTAP 2014);DE-1A1b-2017-0001;DE-1A1b-2018-0001	Yes	The emission factors continue to be under revision. New emission factors will be included in the IIR following the use of results of a finished project.
	1A3b	2010	Explain in more detail the emission calculation for road transport not only by saying that HBEFA and TREMOD are used but giving more information including an overview of emission factors in the next versions of the IIR.	§ 65 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 72 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	1B2d	2014	Report in the IIR on what basis emissions from geothermal energy extraction are considered negligible.	§ 59 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	3B	2014	Provide additional information in the IIR especially related to: TAN contents distributions of housing and storage facilities (e.g. for the first and last reporting year) slurry storage systems and the spreading systems applied corresponding EFs.	§ 117 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	5A\5B\5C	2010	Since all incineration is reported under energy add information about the methodology used for different types of waste incineration under NFR 1. In NFR 6C use the notation key "IE" instead of "NO" and to explain the use of the notation key in the IIR.	§ 103 110 111 112 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 136 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Information on methods used for estimation of energy-related is reported in NFR 1. Germany considers NO to be correct and explains the situation in its IIR. Cremation estimation is explained now.

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Consistency	2	2014	Ensure time series consistency of TSP emissions between 1990 and later years and clearly explain in the IIR where and why consistent reporting is not possible.	§ 80 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	1A1\1A2	2010	In the IIR in the "Short description" for 1A1 and 1A2 Germany presents a tier 2 or 3 approach. However during the review Germany indicated that only the tier 2 approach was used. This needs correction in the IIR (was agreed by Germany to do this)	§ 47 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 54 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	2A1\2A2	2014	A time series inconsistency is found which relates to a different reporting structure before 2000. It is recommended to explore the feasibility of harmonizing the methodology.	§ 93 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	2D3	2014	Provide emissions for 1990-2005 at a disaggregated level similar to later years if possible. If not explain why for the earlier period emissions have been estimated at a more aggregated level. Also clearly document in the case of IE where emissions have been allocated.	§ 100 101 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	The manufacturing industry was the most important branch of the GDR economy. The transformation of the markets and the disappearance of large state-owned enterprises in the course of the German unity led to a dramatic change in the eastern part of Germany
	3B	2014	The ERT encourages Germany to further improve the consistency of the time series of NH3 for manure management. In chapter 4 of the EMEP/EEA Guidebook 2013 specific methods are provided.	§ 110 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	3B	2014	Sheep animal numbers show a step change due to a different reporting time. This should be corrected for and described in the IIR as appropriate.	§ 119 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	3B	2014	Check and explain the variation in activity data for horses in the IIR.	§ 121 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	3B	2014	Explain how the change in farm practices or the implementation of mitigation measures has affected the time series in the IIR in order to facilitate the assessment of emission trends.	§ 111 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	3B	2014	Explain in the IIR why the NH3 EF for dairy cattle decreased from 2011 to 2012.	§ 122 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	3B	2014	Explain in the IIR why the NH3 EF for swine decreased from 1993 to 1994.	§ 123 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
3B	2014	Explain in the IIR why the NH3 EF significant changes for different poultry subsectors in the 2000s.	§ 124 (CLRTAP 2014)	No		

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Completeness		2010	Emissions prior to 1990 are not reported.	§ 27 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 24 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Little information is available due to the split of Germany into two nations. Some overview data has been added to the IIR.
		2014	LPS data were not reported.	§ 10 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
		2014	A key category analysis (KCA) was missing for the base years (1990 or 2000 for PM) of the pollutants.	§ 13 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	5E	2010	Although the Guidebook has methods for car and house fires in Chapter 6 it may be more transparent to include these in Chapter 7 as Chapter 6D is more focused on compost and sludge. The ERT encourages Germany to consider including some of these emissions in the next submissions.	§ 116 (CLRTAP 2010);§139 (CLRTAP 2014);DE-SA-2017-0003	Partly	
	1A4ai\1A4ci\1A5a	2014	HM and POP currently not reported since no consistent dataset is available (partly country specific partly Guidebook). The recommendation is to describe the issue in the IIR and until it is solved use the Guidebook emission factors despite their recognized uncertainty rather than reporting NE.	§ 57 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Implemented for 1A4ai and 1A4ci
	1A3ai(i)\1A3aii(i)	2014	Heavy metal emissions are currently not estimated. The ERT recommends that the Party estimates these emissions using the methodology in the EMEP/EEA Guidebook.	§ 62 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	1A3biv\1A4bii	2014	PM10 and PM2.5 emissions are reported as "NE". The ERT recommends that Germany completes the inventory by estimating these emissions.	§ 63 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	1A3bv	2014	Evaporative emissions from running losses (i.e. vapour generated in the fuel tank during vehicle operation) were missing because not considered in the TREMOD model. The ERT recommends to include these in the inventory.	§ 73 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	This issue has not yet been looked into as other model revisions especially regarding a follow-up of 'diesel gate' appear much more relevant tying up all resources.
	1A3dii	2014	Pb and Hg emissions are currently not estimated. The ERT recommends that the Party considers the emission factors available in the Guidebook.	§ 64 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	5A\5D	2014	Improves the completeness of the inventory by estimating emissions from solid waste disposal and wastewater handling.	§ 127 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Solid waste emissions implemented since 2020 reporting. Domestic wastewater emissions implemented since 2018 reporting. Industrial wastewater emissions implemented since 2021 reporting.
	5A\5C\5D	2010	The inventory regarding Waste is currently not complete with missing estimates for several source categories.	§ 102 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 134 135 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Industrial wastewater emissions implemented since 2021 reporting. Solid waste emissions implemented since 2020 reporting. Domestic wastewater emissions implemented since 2018 reporting. 5.C completed
Comparability	1A4bii\1A4cii	2014	Implied NOx emission factors are at the high end of the range when compared with a selected group of countries (AT BE DK ES FI FR GB IE IT NL NO). The ERT recommends that the Party reviews the emission factors for these two sources and includes an explanation for this issue in the IIR.	§ 66 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	This minor issue has not yet been checked. The inventory compiler will look into this as soon as resources allow.
	1A2a\1A4a\1A4ci\1A5a	2014	Notation key NE is used for (many) heavy metals despite the availability of EFs in the EMEP/EEA Guidebook. If all HM emissions from iron & steel are reported in 2C1 the notation key should be IE.	§ 56 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Implemented for 1A4ai and 1A4ci

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Accuracy		2010	Implement a (qualitative and quantitative) uncertainty analysis and use the results to prioritize improvements to the inventory	§ 20 24 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 32 44e 85 (CLRTAP 2014)	Partly	
		2014	Include a chapter in the IIR with for each source category the foreseen improvements for the inventory	§ 34 (CLRTAP 2014)	Partly	Included for most categories
	1A3bvi	2014	This source is a key category for Pb and the ERT has noted that the emission factor for brake wear used by Germany was higher than the maximum range quoted by the 2013 Guidebook. Germany is recommended to review the EF explain where it is coming from in the IIR and potentially revise to bring in line with the Guidebook.	§ 74 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	1A3dii\1A5b	2014	Review the methodology for national navigation by distinguishing between coastal and inland shipping based on an ongoing research project as well as explicitly include emissions from military activities.	§ 75 76 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	2A1	2010	Cement production is a key source for Hg HCB and for NOx PM10 and PAH but Tier 1 is used. The ERT encourages Germany to use plant-specific data collected as part of the LCPD IPPC and E-PRTR to develop a tier 2 or 3 methodology in the near future and to document these in its IIR.	§ 79 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 88 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	plant-specific data approach is not planned
	2D3	2014	Increase the use of information from individual installations that make a high contribution to the key categories such as car assembly sites and big printing installations.	§ 104 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Emissions caused by the use of solvents and solvent-based products are reported in the relevant source groups. In our methodology we also include the application of solvent-based products in large installations such as those used in automotive series production or large printing systems. The emission data of defined individual plants are thus included in the calculation but cannot be shown and published individually for reasons of confidentiality and data protection.
	3B	2014	Describe the efforts taken to verify / validate the emission model in the IIR.	§ 118 (CLRTAP 2014)	No	
QA/QC		2010	Fully implement the QA/QC system for the air pollutant emission inventory. If possible implement a unified QA/QC system for reporting to CLRTAP and UNFCCC.	§ 21 24 62 74 88 105 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 37 44f (CLRTAP 2014)	No	Ongoing discussion
		2010	Widen the use of the existing QA/QC system used for the set of activity data as well as the methods and emission factors for GHGs for the needs of CLRTAP/NECD inventories and providing further details on its implementation in the IIR (general and sectoral descriptions).	§ 33 40 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 16 69 84 87 103 105 (CLRTAP 2014)	No	Ongoing discussion
		2014	Include information on verification and validation of the inventory in the IIR.	§ 38 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Ongoing discussion

CLRTAP 2010

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General		2010	Provide a PDF version of the IIR for offline use and to better facilitate the review process	§ 6 9 11 28 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 17 (CLRTAP2014)	Yes	The German IIR is basically created in the form and structure of a wiki and is published as such. A parallel publication in the form of a continuous text document is currently not planned. However the inventory compiler routinely creates a PDF copy of the finished report particularly for documentation purposes - which can be made available upon request and if necessary for example during a review.

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(lack of) Transparency		2010	Inaccuracies were found in the use of notation keys and it is recommended to justify the use of notation keys in the IIR for each particular sector.	§ 38 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 19 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Information tables for NE & IE were added to the completeness chapter of the current IIR.
		2010	Provide more detailed information on the rationale for recalculations at a sectoral level to compliment the information already provided in the recalculation tables per pollutant.	§ 30 43 90 107 (CLRTAP 2010)	Partly	
	1A2a\1A2b\2C	2010	For iron & steel there is a mix of reporting under 1A2a (PM & CO) 2C1 (NOx SOx VOC NH3) and "NE" (HMs and POPs). For non ferrous metals similar issues are observed. The recommendation is to explain the rationale for reporting in different source categories as well the rationale for NEs. NE reporting should be avoided as much as possible e.g. by applying Guidebook Tier 1 EFs.	§ 48 49 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	The reporting in the different source categories is explained in the IIR.
	1A2gviii	2010	The ERT recommends that Germany include details of the units of AD used in its estimations as this was not always the case.	§ 51 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	1A3b	2010	Explain in more detail the emission calculation for road transport not only by saying that HBEFA and TREMOD are used but giving more information including an overview of emission factors in the next versions of the IIR.	§ 65 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 72 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	1A4	2010	Provide more detail on the emission factors used including their applicability for the different years and sub-categories of the time series. Find EFs to estimate emissions for heavy metals (for example: using tier 1 in the EMEP Guidebook inventories in other countries).	§ 52 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	3B	2010	The ERT recommends including in the IIR information on the complete time series of the activity data description of emission drivers recalculations and improvements for the agriculture sector.	§ 86 94 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	5A\5B\5C	2010	Since all incineration is reported under energy add information about the methodology used for different types of waste incineration under NFR 1. In NFR 6C use the notation key "IE" instead of "NO" and to explain the use of the notation key in the IIR.	§ 103 110 111 112 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 136 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Information on methods used for estimation of energy-related is reported in NFR 1. Germany considers NO to be correct and explains the situation in its IIR. Cremation estimation is explained now.
Consistency	1A1\1A2	2010	In the IIR in the "Short description" for 1A1 and 1A2 Germany presents a tier 2 or 3 approach. However during the review Germany indicated that only the tier 2 approach was used. This needs correction in the IIR (was agreed by Germany to do this)	§ 47 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 54 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	
	1A5	2010	The IIR says Tier 1 method is used for 1A5 but it is actually Tier 2/3. This should be corrected in the IIR.	§ 53 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	3B	2010	The activity data (animal numbers) is coming from various sources and some corrections are being done. It is recommended that Germany includes a table in the IIR showing the livestock numbers from different sources and the type of elaboration/correction that has been done.	§ 94 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	

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Completeness		2010	Emissions prior to 1990 are not reported.	§ 27 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 24 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Little information is available due to the split of Germany into two nations. Some overview data has been added to the IIR.
	1A2a\1A2b\1A4\1B1a	2010	Some emissions are not estimated for some pollutants: heavy metals and POPs for 1A2a particulates heavy metals and POPs for 1A2b heavy metals for 1A4 and NMVOC for 1B1a. The ERT recommends Germany to use the Guidebook default EFs if no other method is available.	§ 36 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	5E	2010	Although the Guidebook has methods for car and house fires in Chapter 6 it may be more transparent to include these in Chapter 7 as Chapter 6D is more focused on compost and sludge. The ERT encourages Germany to consider including some of these emissions in the next submissions.	§ 116 (CLRTAP 2010);§139 (CLRTAP 2014);DE-5A-2017-0003	Partly	
	6	2010	Consider currently missing sources: NH3 emissions from Cats and Dogs from Zoo animals and human ammonia emissions etc.	§ 116 (CLRTAP 2010)	Partly	Car and house fires have been included for quite a while now (5E). Human NH3 emissions are considered in 6A. Pets will be considered in sub2024.
	1A3a	2010	NH3 reported as NE. Recommendation to investigate the emissions or report as NO if emissions do not occur.	§ 68 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	The notation key 'NE' is used only for ammonia from aviation gasoline (as recommended in the 2016 EMEP Guidebook). For jet kerosene emissions are estimated.
	1B1a	2010	In 2010 "NE" is indicated for particulates and "NA" for NMVOC but the Guidebook has EFs. It is recommended that Germany identifies the type of coal mining using the EFs from the EMEP Guidebook or other references to estimate emissions for this sector. In 2014 NMVOC was reported as NE and the ERT recommends Germany to describe why NE is reported (emissions assumed negligible).	§ 54 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	2C1	2010	Include emissions for dioxins and heavy metals based on new research project.	§ 80 81 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	3D	2010	The ERT encourages Germany to estimate PM10 and PM2.5 emissions for 3D in future submissions following the EMEP/EEA Guidebook recommendations.	§ 98 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	5A\5C\5D	2010	The inventory regarding Waste is currently not complete with missing estimates for several source categories.	§ 102 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 134 135 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	Industrial wastewater emissions implemented since 2021 reporting. Solid waste emissions implemented since 2020 reporting. Domestic wastewater emissions implemented since 2018 reporting. 5.C completed
Comparability	1A4aii	2010	Emissions for main pollutants were reported as IE. The ERT encourages the Party to investigate further statistical resources for missing estimates in this sector and include a progress report within the next IIR.	§ 67 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	1A2\2	2010	Germany reports emissions from sugar production in source category 2D2. It is recommended to report these emissions under 1A2e and include a more detailed description of the sub-categories the methodology used the source of activity data the source of EFs and consistency across the time series (1990-2008).	§ 50 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	Reporting of NMVOC and PM emissions from sugar production in 2H2 (used to be 2D2) is correct according to the Inventory Guidebook 2016.
	1A3di(ii)\1A4cii	2010	Emissions reported as IE. The ERT encourages Germany to make separate emission estimates for these sectors in future IIR reports and in the meantime a separate summary table of all categories (fully or partially reported as IE) and where they have been moved would be beneficial.	§ 69 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	

Aspect	Sector	First identified in	Finding summary	Observation	Implemented?	Comment
Accuracy		2010	Implement a (qualitative and quantitative) uncertainty analysis and use the results to prioritize improvements to the inventory	§ 20 24 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 32 44e 85 (CLRTAP 2014)	Partly	
	1A1b\1A1c\2	2010	Improvement from Tier 2 to Tier 3 using plant-specific data for some industrial processes including cement production as well as for large combustion plants (e.g. 1A1b 1A1c)	§ 19 41 45 46 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	Included for large combustion plants no plant-specific data for cement production
	2A1	2010	Cement production is a key source for Hg HCB and for NOx PM10 and PAH but Tier 1 is used. The ERT encourages Germany to use plant-specific data collected as part of the LCPD IPPC and E-PRTR to develop a tier 2 or 3 methodology in the near future and to document these in its IIR.	§ 79 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 88 (CLRTAP 2014)	Yes	plant-specific data approach is not planned
	2L	2010	Include results of ongoing research project to improve from Tier 1 to higher Tier methodology.	§ 82 83 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
	3B	2010	There were errors in the calculation of N excretion rates it is recommended that Germany corrects this.	§ 97 (CLRTAP 2010)	Yes	
QA/QC		2010	Fully implement the QA/QC system for the air pollutant emission inventory. If possible implement a unified QA/QC system for reporting to CLRTAP and UNFCCC.	§ 21 24 62 74 88 105 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 37 44f (CLRTAP 2014)	No	Ongoing discussion
		2010	Widen the use of the existing QA/QC system used for the set of activity data as well as the methods and emission factors for GHGs for the needs of CLRTAP/NECD inventories and providing further details on its implementation in the IIR (general and sectoral descriptions).	§ 33 40 (CLRTAP 2010);§ 16 69 84 87 103 105 (CLRTAP 2014)	No	Ongoing discussion