

ENGLISH TEXT CONSULTATION WEBPAGE ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES REGULATION BES

In short

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, is preparing in close cooperation with the Public Entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba, the Establishment and Activities Regulation BES. This Regulation is based on the draft Establishment and Activities Decree BES (hereinafter: IAB BES) which sets rules for the protection of the environment from the adverse effects that business activities may cause on Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

What is the goal?

The Regulation contains quality requirements for companies that are a type I (light impact on the environment) and type II (moderate impact on the environment) establishment included in the draft IAB BES. The quality requirements are, for example, on preventing or reducing noise pollution, ensuring safety when storing (hazardous) substances and preventing soil contamination. This Regulation also includes quality requirements that are sector specific, such as marinas, agricultural activities, swimming pools and health care.

You can respond through this website to all parts of the Regulation and the explanatory note. Do you expect the Regulation to have an effect on you or your organisation?

For who is this important?

- Businesses that have a slight or moderate impact on the environment;
- The Public Entities of the Caribbean Netherlands, including the competent authority, the Executive Council, on inspection and enforcement for this Regulation.

What are the consequences?

This Regulation affects businesses and sector specific industries carrying out activities that may adversely affect the environment. These businesses need to invest to meet general and more specific quality requirements included in this Regulation. The required investment may vary by industry. Investments aimed at general quality requirements include: wastewater treatment, soil protection facilities, grease separators, hazardous substances storage facilities and energy saving measures. And to more sector specific requirements, such as amalgam separators for dental practices.

The transitional arrangements for facilities are ample. This allows businesses that need to invest in several facilities to spread investments over time.