

Implementation of Goteborg Protocol prior to its actual ratification

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Preparation of regulatory framework for ratification of the **Gothenburg Protocol** is one of the voluntary commitments taken by the Republic of Belarus adopted in the framework of the **Batumi initiative** to fight for clean air, approved at the Eighth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” in 2016

To this end, in the framework of the ICC project “Technical Assistance to Promote the Development of the Green Economy in Belarus”, funded by the European Union, in 2016, the work was begun to assess the benefits and costs associated with ratification of the Gothenburg Protocol.

The corresponding Decree has been developed and is currently under approval for ratification.

Currently, the following standards are in force in the Republic of Belarus facilitating to meet the requirements of the Gothenburg Protocol:

The integrated environmental permits system is introduced, including an assessment of compliance with the best available techniques (BAT):

The emission limit values from the most significant stationary sources are already enshrined in the legislation, that largely meet the requirements of the Gothenburg Protocol, including those on volatile organic compounds in effect from October 1, 2018.

Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus “On Integrated Environmental Permits” was adopted in 2011

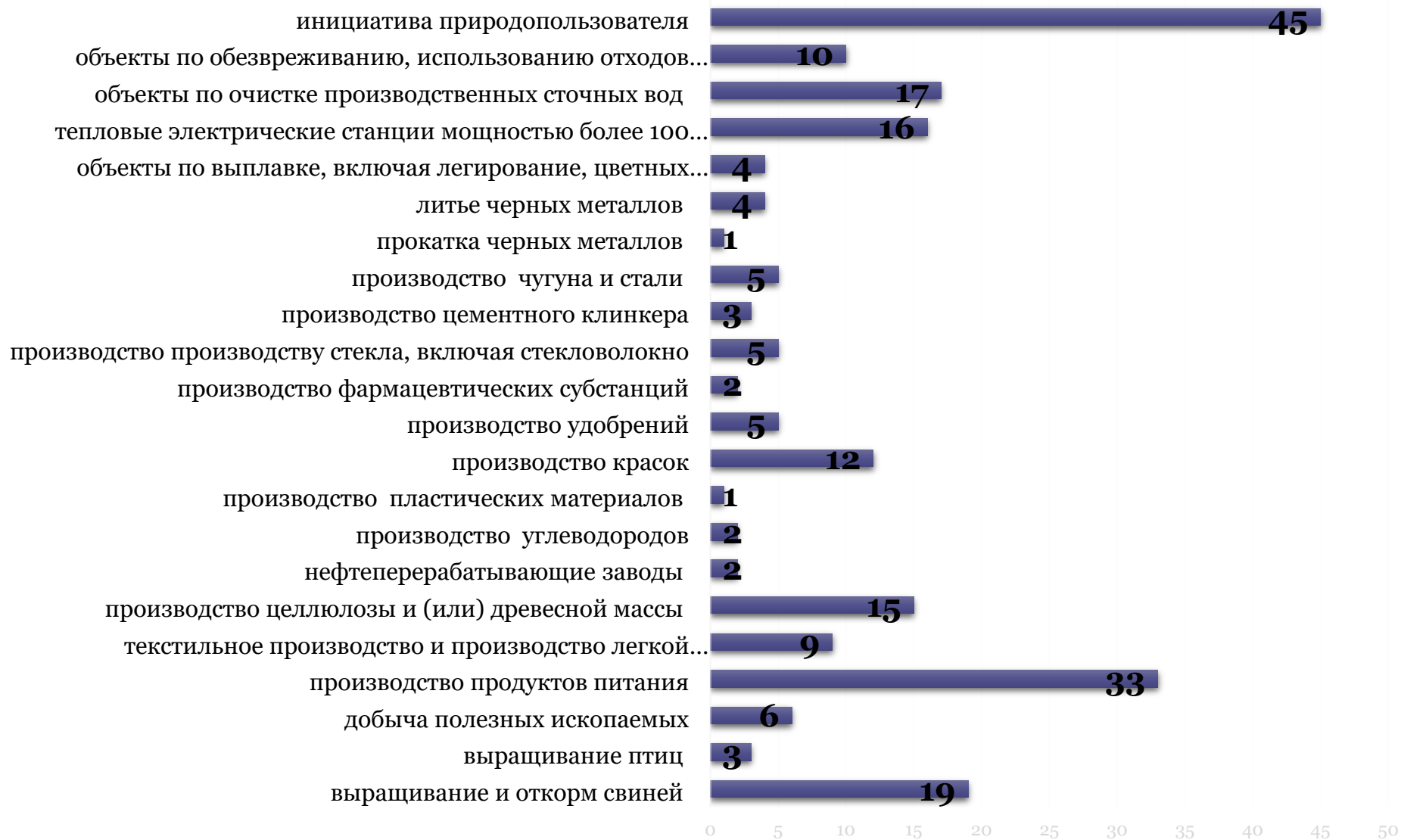
The decree dictates that enterprises exercising a comprehensive impact on the environment are entitled to receive integrated environmental permits from **January 1, 2012**, and from **January 1, 2020** they are obliged to work only upon receipt of the integrated environmental permits

BAT Center was established to facilitate implementation of the above Presidential Decree:

<http://www.ecoinv.by/uslugi/nailuchshie-dostupnye-tekhnicheskie-metody.html>

- Currently BAT for the following industries and processes are already developed:
 - food, beverage and milk production
 - foundry
 - recycling
 - pulp and paper industry
 - technical carbon production
- They are based on documents of the European Union.
- BAT for fuel combustion plants is under development.
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- In addition, there is a requirement in case if national BAT is missing to use relevant documents developed in other countries

219 integrated environmental permits are already issued to the enterprises in following sectors



- Currently, in the framework of the international technical assistance project “Supporting Effective Monitoring of Air Emissions and Radiation Monitoring and improvement of the Environmental Management in Belarus” (SAQEM), funded by the European Union, work is already underway to analyze the current legislation of the Republic of Belarus with regards to integrated environmental permits and its harmonization with the European Union legislation.
- Proposals on how to perform harmonization process will be prepared
- Besides a pilot issue of integrated environmental permits to 5 enterprises will be performed as per EU legislation.

Issues related to the Goteborg Protocol implementation:

- Lack of knowledge on the application of emission standards established by the Gothenburg Protocol, in particular in the areas of solvent management.
- Incorrect estimation of emissions from transport and difficulties related to accounting of it and classification by environmental classes.
- Challenges associated with reducing ammonia emissions in agricultural activities.
- Lack of financial resources at the enterprises for the implementation of environmental measures to reduce emissions.

Thank you !!!!!

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