

# Instruction for controlling and Preventing Noise

## Issued Pursuant to the rules of Article 27 of the Environment Protection law No.(12) for the year 1995

**Article 1** Such instructions shall be called " instructions for controlling and preventing noise for the year 1997" . It shall be effective from the date of its publication in the official gazette .

**Article 2** The following words and expressions wherever stated shall have the meanings designated hereunder unless the context otherwise indicates :

- The Law: Environment Protection Law No.(13) for the year 1995
- The Corporation : The General Corporation for the Environment Protection (GCEP)
- The Council : The Environment Protection Council
- The Chairman : The Chairman of the Council.
- General Director : The corporation's general Director
- Noise : Sounds undesirable to be heard and usually have different frequencies which cause disturbance to the listener
- Equivalent voice level (A) : The sound level measured by using the qualities of measurement and weighing. It means that it is measured by sound level measurement instrument on the A-weighting network
- Acoustics Code : The set of rules , conditions and technical requirements related to noise standard specification.

**Article 3:** a) Such instructions shall be concerned with controlling and preventing noise outside work environment . Instructions for controlling and preventing noise issued by the Ministry of Labour shall be applied inside work environment .

b) Measures and recommendations mentioned in acoustics code shall be applied when establishing buildings and constructions for the following purposes :

- Wedding halls
- Night clubs

- Dancing halls

**Article 4** The ISO/ Acoustics and its appendixes shall be applied with regard to scientific definitions and measurements methods and any other related technical issues.

**Article 5 :** Each of the following shall be prohibited :

1. Launching horns , bells , or any alarms except in emergency cases and cases allowed by the law .
2. Using loud speakers in outdoors weddings after midnight.
3. Continuing the wedding halls for their work after midnight .
4. Operating radio and television set or any other instruments that might disturb citizens in accordance with the rules of the article(6) of these instructions .
5. Conducting construction works that use noisy equipment like mixers and shakers and any other similar equipment between 8 p.m and 6 a.m except for the cases approved by the corporation.
6. Continuing practicing vocational activities from 9 p.m until 6 p.m in daylight-saving time and from 8 p.m and 7 a.m in winter time .

**Article 6:** It shall not be allowed in any case to exceed the the maximum limit for the equivalent sound level ( Decibel A ) in the following places :

Area	The maximum limit for equivalent sound level (decibel A)	
	Day	Night
Residential areas in cities	60	50
Residential areas in suburbs	55	45
Residential areas in villages	50	40
Residential areas that have some workshops or simple vocations or business and commercial and administrative areas and downtown	65	55
Industrial areas (heavy industrial )	75	65
Tuition , worshipping and treatment places and hospitals	45	35

**Article 7:** Any one who violates the provisions of such instructions shall be punished with the penalties stated in paragraph (B) of article (27) of the law .

**Article 8 :** Appendix No.(1) of such instructions shall be considered inseparable part.

<b>Appendix No(1)</b>	
<b>Technical Terms</b>	
Noise	ضجيج
A-weighting Network	شبكة التوزين أ
ISO/Acoustics	الخاصة بالصوتيات المواصفة القياسية الدولية
Code	كود
Decibel	ديسيبل

