

Rubric 135C – Amplified Sound Between 00:00 and 07:00

Competent authority → Brussels Environment

1. Preliminary Check – Am I concerned?

→ My establishment is open to the public

- Applies to commercial, non-profit, or event venues
- Includes conditional access such as ticketing, registration, or membership

→ There is amplified music

- Fixed speakers
- Mobile sound systems
- DJ sets
- Amplified concerts
- Temporary sound systems for one-off events

→ The broadcast takes place between 00:00 and 07:00

- Any portion of amplified sound within this time frame triggers application
- Even an occasional extension past midnight is sufficient

If all three conditions are met → Rubric 135C applies

2. Types of venues concerned

→ Bars and restaurants

- Amplified music after midnight makes the rubric applicable, even if catering is the main activity

→ Party halls, concert venues, nightclubs

- Covered if not already classified under Rubrics 135A or 135B
- Applicable when amplified sound is broadcast at night

→ Shops and other establishments

- Retail spaces, galleries, multipurpose venues hosting events with amplified music after midnight

→ Sports halls and dance studios

- Not classified as such by default
- Become classified if amplified music is broadcast after midnight

→ Private clubs and tents

- Private status does not exempt the venue
- Applies if the space is accessible to a public, even a restricted one

→ Outdoor events

- Festivals
- Concerts
- Open-air events with amplified sound after midnight

3. Types of installations concerned

→ Permanent installation

- Fixed sound system integrated into the building

→ Temporary installation

- Rented or event-specific sound system
- Limited duration does not exempt from declaration

4. Cases not covered by 135C

→ Establishments already classified under 135A or 135B

- Performance venues exceeding 200 m²
- Classified according to audience capacity

→ Broadcast only before midnight

- No amplified sound between 00:00 and 07:00

→ Non-amplified music

- Acoustic concerts without amplification

5. Main obligations

→ Class 3 declaration

- Rubric 135C is a Class 3 classified installation
- Requires declaration to the competent authority

→ Compliance with regional noise standards

- Respect authorised sound levels
- Prevent noise nuisance

→ Operator responsibility

- The operator is legally responsible for sound emissions
- Applies whether organised directly or by an external provider such as a DJ or guest organiser