

Council Directive of 21 May 1991 concerning
urban waste water treatment (91/271/EEC)

Article 12

1 Treated waste water shall be reused whenever appropriate. Disposal routes shall minimize the adverse effects on the environment.

2 Competent authorities or appropriate bodies shall ensure that the disposal of waste water from urban waste water treatment plants is subject to prior regulations and/or specific authorization.

[^{F13} Prior regulations and/or specific authorisation of discharges from urban waste water treatment plants made pursuant to paragraph 2 within agglomerations of 2 000 to 10 000 p.e. in the case of discharges to fresh waters and estuaries, and within agglomerations of 10 000 p.e. or more in respect of all discharges, shall contain conditions to satisfy the relevant requirements of section B of Annex I. The Commission may amend those requirements. Those measures, designed to amend non-essential elements of this Directive, shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 18(3).]

4 Regulations and/or authorization shall be reviewed and if necessary adapted at regular intervals.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EC\) No 1137/2008](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC, with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny — Part One.