

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

- Article 1 This Directive concerns the collection, treatment and discharge of urban...
- Article 2 For the purpose of this Directive: 'urban waste water' means...
- Article 3 (1) Member States shall ensure that all agglomerations are provided...
- Article 4 (1) Member States shall ensure that urban waste water entering...
- Article 5 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 2, Member States shall...
- Article 6 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 2, Member States may...
- Article 7 Member States shall ensure that, by 31 December 2005, urban...
- Article 8 (1) Member States may, in exceptional cases due to technical...
- Article 9 Where waters within the area of jurisdiction of a Member...
- Article 10 Member States shall ensure that the urban waste water treatment...
- Article 11 (1) Member States shall ensure that, before 31 December 1993,...
- Article 12 (1) Treated waste water shall be reused whenever appropriate. Disposal...
- Article 13 (1) Member States shall ensure that by 31 December 2000...
- Article 14 (1) Sludge arising from waste water treatment shall be re-used...
- Article 15 (1) Competent authorities or appropriate bodies shall monitor: discharges from...
- Article 16 Without prejudice to the implementation of the provisions of Council...
- Article 17 (1) Member States shall by 31 December 1993 establish a...
- Article 18 (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee.
- Article 19 (1) Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations...
- Article 20 This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

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ANNEX I

REQUIREMENTS FOR URBAN WASTE WATER

- A. Collecting systems
- B. Discharge from urban waste water treatment plants to receiving waters...
1. Waste water treatment plants shall be designed or modified so...
  2. Discharges from urban waste water treatment plants subject to treatment...
  3. Discharges from urban waste water treatment plants to those sensitive...
  4. More stringent requirements than those shown in Table 1 and/or...
  5. The points of discharge of urban waste water shall be...
- C. Industrial waste water
- D. Reference methods for monitoring and evaluation of results
1. Member States shall ensure that a monitoring method is applied...

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2. Flow-proportional or time-based 24-hour samples shall be collected at the...
  3. The minimum annual number of samples shall be determined according...
  4. The treated waste water shall be assumed to conform to...
  5. Extreme values for the water quality in question shall not...
- Table 2:

## ANNEX II

### CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE AND LESS SENSITIVE AREAS

- A. Sensitive areas
- B. Less sensitive areas

## ANNEX III

### INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

1. Milk-processing
2. Manufacture of fruit and vegetable products
3. Manufacture and bottling of soft drinks
4. Potato-processing
5. Meat industry
6. Breweries
7. Production of alcohol and alcoholic beverages
8. Manufacture of animal feed from plant products
9. Manufacture of gelatine and of glue from hides, skin and...
10. Malt-houses
11. Fish-processing industry

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- (1) OJ No C 1, 4.1.1990, p. 20 and  
OJ No C 287, 15.11.1990, p. 11.
- (2) OJ No C 260, 15.10.1990, p. 185.
- (3) OJ No C 168, 10.7.1990, p. 36.
- (4) OJ No C 209, 9.8.1988, p. 3.