

ANNEX III

The bathing water profile

1. The bathing water profile referred to in Article 6 is to consist of:
 - (a) a description of the physical, geographical and hydrological characteristics of the bathing water, and of other surface waters in the catchment area of the bathing water concerned, that could be a source of pollution, which are relevant to the purpose of this Directive and as provided for in Directive 2000/60/EC;
 - (b) an identification and assessment of causes of pollution that might affect bathing waters and impair bathers' health;
 - (c) an assessment of the potential for proliferation of cyanobacteria;
 - (d) an assessment of the potential for proliferation of macro-algae and/or phytoplankton;
 - (e) if the assessment under point (b) shows that there is a risk of short-term pollution, the following information:
 - the anticipated nature, frequency and duration of expected short-term pollution,
 - details of any remaining causes of pollution, including management measures taken and the time schedule for their elimination,
 - management measures taken during short-term pollution and the identity and contact details of bodies responsible for taking such action,
 - (f) the location of the monitoring point.
2. In the case of bathing waters classified as 'good', 'sufficient' or 'poor', the bathing water profile is to be reviewed regularly to assess whether any of the aspects listed in paragraph 1 have changed. If necessary, it is to be updated. The frequency and scope of reviews is to be determined on the basis of the nature and severity of the pollution. However, they are to comply with at least the provisions and to take place with at least the frequency specified in the following table.

Bathing water classification	'Good'	'Sufficient'	'Poor'
Reviews are to take place at least every	four years	three years	two years
Aspects to be reviewed (points of paragraph 1)	(a) to (f)	(a) to (f)	(a) to (f)

In the case of bathing waters previously classified as 'excellent', the bathing water profiles need be reviewed and, if necessary, updated only if the classification changes to 'good', 'sufficient' or 'poor'. The review is to cover all aspects mentioned in paragraph 1.

3. In the event of significant construction works or significant changes in the infrastructure in or in the vicinity of the bathing water, the bathing water profile is to be updated before the start of the next bathing season.
4. The information referred to in paragraph 1(a) and (b) is to be provided on a detailed map whenever practicable.

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5. Other relevant information may be attached or included if the competent authority considers it appropriate.