

Directive 2006/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2006 concerning the management of bathing water quality and repealing Directive 76/160/EEC

CHAPTER IV

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 14*

**Report and review**

1 The Commission shall, by 2008, submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council. The report shall have particular regard to:

- a the results of an appropriate European epidemiological study conducted by the Commission in collaboration with Member States;
- b other scientific, analytical and epidemiological developments relevant to the parameters for bathing water quality, including in relation to viruses; and
- c World Health Organisation recommendations.

2 Member States shall, by the end of 2014, submit written observations to the Commission on that report including on the need for any further research or assessments which may be required to assist the Commission in its review of this Directive under paragraph 3.

3 In the light of the report, the Member States' written observations and an extended impact assessment and bearing in mind experience gained from implementing this Directive, the Commission shall, no later than 2020, review this Directive with particular regard to the parameters for bathing water quality, including whether it would be appropriate to phase out the 'sufficient' classification or modify the applicable standards, and shall present if necessary appropriate legislative proposals in accordance with Article 251 of the Treaty.

*Article 15*

**Technical adaptations and implementing measures**

1 It shall be decided in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 16(2):

- a to specify the EN/ISO standard on the equivalence of microbiological methods for the purposes of Article 3(9);
- b to lay down detailed rules for the implementation of Articles 8(1), 12(1)(a) and 12(4);
- c to adapt the methods of analysis for the parameters set out in Annex I in the light of scientific and technical progress;
- d to adapt Annex V in the light of scientific and technical progress;
- e to lay down guidelines for a common method for the assessment of single samples.

2 The Commission shall present a draft of the measures to be taken in accordance with paragraph 1(b) with respect to Article 12(1)(a) by 24 March 2010. Before doing so, it shall consult representatives of Member States, regional and local authorities, relevant tourist and consumer organisations and other interested parties. After the adoption of relevant rules, it shall publicise them via the Internet.

### Article 16

#### **Committee procedure**

- 1 The Commission shall be assisted by a committee.
- 2 Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 5 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The period laid down in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.

- 3 The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

### Article 17

#### **Repeal**

- 1 Directive 76/160/EEC is hereby repealed with effect from 31 December 2014. Subject to paragraph 2, this repeal shall be without prejudice to Member States' obligations concerning the time limits for transposition and application set out in the repealed Directive.

- 2 As soon as a Member State has taken all necessary legal, administrative and practical measures to comply with this Directive, this Directive will be applicable, replacing Directive 76/160/EEC.

- 3 References to the repealed Directive 76/160/EEC shall be construed as being made to this Directive.

### Article 18

#### **Implementation**

- 1 Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 24 March 2008. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

- 2 Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the main provisions of national law that they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

### Article 19

#### **Entry into force**

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 20*

**Addressees**

This Directive is addressed to Member States.