
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 489

**The Surface Waters (Shellfish) (Classification)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

Compliance with standards

6.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), any waters classified under these Regulations shall be treated in relation to any period of 12 months as complying with any standard for any parameter adopted as a result of regulation 5 if in period in relation to those waters—

- (a) in the case of the parameter for organohalogenated substances or metals, 100 per cent of the samples taken for that parameter in accordance with regulation 7 comply with the standard;
- (b) in the case of the parameter for salinity or dissolved oxygen, 95 per cent of the samples taken for that parameter in accordance with regulation 7 comply with that standard;
- (c) in the case of any other parameter, 75 per cent of the samples taken for that parameter in accordance with regulation 7 comply with the standard.

(2) Where in accordance with regulation 7 the frequency of sampling is reduced in relation to any waters classified under these Regulations, 100 per cent of samples taken for each parameter in accordance with regulation 7 in relation to those waters must comply if it is to be treated as meeting the standard adopted as a result of regulation 5.

(3) Non-compliant samples shall be ignored for the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) if they are the result of a disaster.