

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2008 No. 231**

**The Quality of Bathing Water  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

**PART 5**

**MANAGEMENT OF BATHING WATERS**

**Management measures at bathing waters subject to pollution incidents**

**13.**—(1) This regulation applies where the Department or a bathing water operator is aware of—

- (a) a cyanobacterial proliferation which it considers may pose a risk to bathers' health;
- (b) a proliferation of macro-algae or marine phytoplankton which it considers is unacceptable or may pose a risk to bathers' health;
- (c) the presence of waste, including tarry residues, glass, plastic, or rubber; or
- (d) any other incident, other than an incident of short-term pollution to which regulation 15 applies, that it considers may pose a risk to bathing water quality and bathers' health.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) The Department shall promptly or, in the case of a cyanobacterial proliferation under paragraph (1)(a), immediately—

- (a) consult the bathing water operator; and
- (b) use appropriate media and technologies to actively and promptly disseminate information to the public in such languages in addition to English as are appropriate, having regard to the location of the bathing water and ease of understanding and take such other Departmental management measures as it considers appropriate to prevent exposing bathers to identified or presumed health risks.]

(3) [<sup>F2</sup> The bathing water operator shall promptly or, in the case of a cyanobacterial proliferation under paragraph (1)(a), immediately] —

- (a) consult the Department;
- [<sup>F3</sup>(b) ensure that appropriate information is actively disseminated and promptly made available to the public during the bathing season in an easily accessible place in the near vicinity of the bathing water, and take such operator management measures there as it considers appropriate to prevent exposing bathers to identified or presumed health risks; and]
- (c) where necessary, remove the waste.

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Reg. 13(2) substituted (26.6.2013) by [The Quality of Bathing Water \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(S.R. 2013/151\)](#), regs. 1, **10(a)**

**F2** Words in reg. 13(3) substituted (26.6.2013) by [The Quality of Bathing Water \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(S.R. 2013/151\)](#), regs. 1, **10(b)(i)**

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Quality of Bathing Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008, Section 13. (See end of Document for details)

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**F3** Reg. 13(3)(b) substituted (26.6.2013) by The Quality of Bathing Water (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/151), regs. 1, **10(b)(ii)**

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** Reg. 13 in operation at 24.3.2012, see **reg. 1(4)**

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