
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Water Framework Directive (Classification,
Priority Substances and Shellfish Waters)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

Designation of Mixing Zones

22.—(1) The Department may designate mixing zones adjacent to points of discharge.

(2) Concentrations of one or more substances listed in Table 47 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 may exceed the relevant standards within mixing zones if they do not affect the compliance of the rest of the body of surface water with those standards.

(3) The extent of any mixing zone must be restricted to the proximity of the point of discharge and must be proportionate, having regard to concentrations of pollutants at the point of discharge and any conditions contained within the discharge consent or permit.

(4) The Department must include information about designated mixing zones in river basin management plans. The information must include a description of:

- (a) the approaches and methodologies applied to define mixing zones;
- (b) measures taken with a view to reducing the extent of mixing zones in the future.