
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Bathing Water Regulations 2013

PART 3

MONITORING ETC. OF BATHING WATERS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

Monitoring etc.

- 8.**—(1) The appropriate agency must establish a monitoring programme for every bathing water.
- (2) The monitoring programme for intestinal enterococci and *Escherichia coli* must be in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 4.
- (3) The appropriate agency must undertake appropriate monitoring for cyanobacteria in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 4.
- (4) The appropriate agency must undertake investigations for macro-algae and marine phytoplankton in accordance with Part 3 of Schedule 4.
- (5) The appropriate agency must undertake visual inspections for waste, including tarry residues, glass, plastic or rubber in accordance with Part 4 of Schedule 4.
- (6) After the end of every bathing season, the appropriate agency must notify the appropriate Minister, giving reasons, if it has suspended the monitoring calendar in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 4.

Public information

- 9.**—(1) Every local authority that controls a bathing water must ensure that the following information about the bathing water 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—
- (a) the bathing water's current classification pursuant to regulation 11, represented by a symbol in accordance with Part 2 of the Annex to the Decision;
 - (b) any advice against bathing which has been issued there, represented by a symbol in accordance with Part 1 of the Annex to the Decision, and giving reasons;
 - (c) a general description of the bathing water, in non-technical language, based on its bathing water profile;
 - (d) information on the nature and expected duration of abnormal situations there; and
 - (e) an indication of the sources of more complete information published in accordance with paragraph (2).
- (2) In relation to every bathing water, the appropriate agency must use appropriate media and technologies including the internet to actively and promptly disseminate the following information in such languages as the appropriate agency considers appropriate—
- (a) the information referred to in paragraph (1);

- (b) before the start of every bathing season, the bathing water’s classification in accordance with regulation 11 over the last three years;
 - (c) the current bathing water profile;
 - (d) as soon as possible after the completion of the analysis under Schedule 4, the results of the monitoring carried out in accordance with regulation 8(2) since the beginning of the current bathing season;
 - (e) where the bathing water is classified as “poor” under regulation 11, information as to—
 - (i) the causes of pollution there, and
 - (ii) the management measures being taken there under regulation 13; and
 - (f) information as to incidences of short-term pollution so far as required by regulation 14(2)(c)(i) to (v).
- (3) The appropriate agency must—
- (a) prepare a general description of every bathing water for use under paragraph (1)(c); and
 - (b) make the descriptions available to local authorities.
- (4) Public information under these Regulations must—
- (a) wherever possible, be provided using a geographic information system; and
 - (b) be presented in a clear and coherent manner.