

Directive 2006/118/EC of the European Parliament and
of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the protection
of groundwater against pollution and deterioration

Article 1

Purpose

1 This Directive establishes specific measures as provided for in Article 17(1) and (2) of Directive 2000/60/EC in order to prevent and control groundwater pollution. These measures include in particular:

- a criteria for the assessment of good groundwater chemical status; and
- b criteria for the identification and reversal of significant and sustained upward trends and for the definition of starting points for trend reversals.

2 This Directive also complements the provisions preventing or limiting inputs of pollutants into groundwater already contained in Directive 2000/60/EC, and aims to prevent the deterioration of the status of all bodies of groundwater.