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3.   Good quality

Bathing waters are to be classified as 'good':

1.   if, in the set of bathing water quality data for the last assessment period, the percentile values for microbiological enumerations are equal to or better[1] than the 'good quality' values set out in Annex I, column C; and

2.   if the bathing water is subject to short-term pollution, on condition that:

(i)   adequate management measures are being taken, including surveillance, early warning systems and monitoring, with a view to preventing bathers' exposure, by means of a warning or, where necessary, a bathing prohibition;

(ii)   adequate management measures are being taken to prevent, reduce or eliminate the causes of pollution; and

(iii)   the number of samples disregarded in accordance with Article 3(6) because of short#term pollution during the last assessment period represented no more than 15 % of the total number of samples provided for in the monitoring calendars established for that period, or no more than one sample per bathing season, whichever is the greater.

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(**1**)   'Better' means with lower concentration values expressed in cfu/100 ml.