

Directive 2006/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2006 concerning the management of bathing water quality and repealing Directive 76/160/EEC

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Purpose and scope

- 1 This Directive lays down provisions for:
 - a the monitoring and classification of bathing water quality;
 - b the management of bathing water quality; and
 - c the provision of information to the public on bathing water quality.
- 2 The purpose of this Directive is to preserve, protect and improve the quality of the environment and to protect human health by complementing Directive 2000/60/EC.
- 3 This Directive shall apply to any element of surface water where the competent authority expects a large number of people to bathe and has not imposed a permanent bathing prohibition, or issued permanent advice against bathing (hereinafter bathing water). It shall not apply to:
 - a swimming pools and spa pools;
 - b confined waters subject to treatment or used for therapeutic purposes;
 - c artificially created confined waters separated from surface water and groundwater.