

Shellfish waters directive

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Policy level	European	
Type of instrument	Directive	
Geographical reach	EU Member States	
(Legal) coverage in the BNS	Coastal waters and brackish waters, designated by the Coastal States	
European contact point	Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)	
Transposition on the federal level	Koninklijk besluit van 17 februari 1984 tot vaststelling van de algemene immissienormen waaraan schelpdierwater dient te voldoen	
Transposition on the Flemish level	Besluit van de Vlaamse regering van 8 december 1998 tot aanduiding van de oppervlaktewateren bestemd voor de productie van drinkwater categorie A1, A2 en A3, zwemwater, viswater en schelpdierwater	
Note	Directive 2006/113/EC is a codified version of Directive 79/923/EEC	

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This directive aims to contribute to the improvement of the shellfish waters' quality. The regulation applies to coastal waters and brackish waters that, according to the Member States, require protection or improvement in order to allow the life and growth of shellfish (bivalve and gasteropod molluscs). Thus they can contribute to a good quality of the shellfish products that are destined for human consumption.

For the relevant waters, the Member States respect the parameters established in the directive. They have to develop programmes in order to reduce pollution. The Member States commit themselves to improving the waters concerned, so these meet the set standards within six years. Deviation from the directive is possible, if extreme meteorological or geographical conditions justify this.