

**SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR
GAZETTE
No. 4257 of 27 April, 2016**

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 97 OF 2016.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ACT

**PUBLIC HEALTH (WATER FRAMEWORK) (AMENDMENT)
RULES 2016**

In exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 337 of the Public Health Act as read with section 23(g)(i) of the Interpretation of General Clauses Act, and of all other enabling powers, and for the purpose of transposing into the law of Gibraltar, Commission Directive 2014/101/EU of 30 October 2014 amending Council Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, the Government has made the following Rules—

Title.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Public Health (Water Framework) (Amendment) Rules 2016.

Commencement.

2. These Rules come into operation on 20 May 2016.

Amendment of Rules.

3. For paragraph 1.3.6 of Schedule 6 to the Public Health (Water Framework) Rules 2004 substitute—

“1.3.6. Standards for monitoring of quality elements.

Methods used for the monitoring of type parameters shall conform to the international standards listed below in so far as they cover monitoring, or to such other national or international standards which will ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality and comparability.

Standards for sampling of biological quality elements

Generic methods for use with the specific methods given in the standards relating to the following biological quality elements:

EN ISO 5667-3:2012	Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Preservation and handling of samples
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Standards for phytoplankton

EN 15204:2006	Water quality — Guidance standard on the enumeration of phytoplankton using inverted microscopy (Utermöhl technique)
EN 15972:2011	Water quality — Guidance on quantitative and qualitative investigations of marine phytoplankton
ISO 10260:1992	Water quality — Measurement of biochemical parameters — Spectrometric determination of the chlorophyll-a concentration

Standards for macrophyte and phytobenthos

EN 15460:2007	Water quality — Guidance standard for the surveying of macrophytes in lakes
EN 14184:2014	Water quality — Guidance for the surveying of aquatic macrophytes in running waters
EN 15708:2009	Water quality — Guidance standard for the surveying, sampling and laboratory analysis of phytobenthos in shallow running water
EN 13946:2014	Water quality — Guidance for the routine sampling and preparation of benthic diatoms from rivers and lakes
EN 14407:2014	Water quality — Guidance for the identification and enumeration of benthic diatom samples from rivers and lakes

Standards for benthic invertebrate

EN ISO 10870:2012	Water quality — Guidelines for the selection of sampling methods and devices for benthic macroinvertebrates in fresh waters
EN 15196:2006	Water quality — Guidance on sampling and processing of the pupal exuviae of Chironomidae (order Diptera) for ecological assessment

EN 16150:2012	Water quality — Guidance on pro rata multi-habitat sampling of benthic macro-invertebrates from wadeable rivers
EN ISO 19493:2007	Water quality — Guidance on marine biological surveys of hard-substrate communities
EN ISO 16665:2013	Water quality — Guidelines for quantitative sampling and sample processing of marine soft-bottom macro-fauna

Standards for fish

EN 14962:2006	Water quality — Guidance on the scope and selection of fish sampling methods
EN 14011:2003	Water quality — Sampling of fish with electricity
EN 15910:2014	Water quality — Guidance on the estimation of fish abundance with mobile hydroacoustic methods
EN 14757:2005	Water quality — Sampling of fish with multi-mesh gillnets

Standards for hydromorphological parameters

EN 14614:2004	Water quality — Guidance standard for assessing the hydromorphological features of rivers
EN 16039:2011	Water quality — Guidance standard on assessing the hydromorphological features of lakes

Standards for physico-chemical parameters

Any relevant CEN/ISO standards”.

Dated 27th April, 2016.

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for the Government.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Rules amend the Public Health (Water Framework) Rules 2004 in order to transpose Commission Directive 2014/101/EU of 30 October 2014 amending Council Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy.

