

Pollution, public health: quality of bathing water (repeal. Directive 76/160/EEC)

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The European parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Jules MAATEN (ELDR, Netherlands) and made several amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please see the summary dated 01/10/03.) The resolution was voted with 290 votes in favour, 221 against and 8 abstentions. Parliament stated also that the Commission must review the Directive within 15 years of entry into force, with particular regard for the parameters of bathing water quality. In addition: - on the basis of scientific results, the list of parameters in Annex I must be expanded to include virus detection; - under certain circumstances, more than one sampling point may be required; - there are additional provisions in the event of delay between sampling and analysis.