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Recommendation on the format of the Article 16 - situation report

The principal aim of this report is to inform the public regularly of the situation, on a given date, regarding waste water collection and treatment, as well as to present the development of the situation in relation to at least the two previous years. This report will be made by the relevant authorities in their areas. The reporting area can be the whole territory of a Member State (especially for small Member States) or a part of a Member State (several reports for a Member State).

The report should be short and clear, and easily understood by the public. A graphic representation of the data and a cartographic representation is envisaged to make the report easier to read and more attractive to the public. It should contain the following 4 parts:

1. General description

The reporting area should be described by the main agglomerations (it is difficult to specify a common size class because of the different population density in the Member States, but the MS should try to show the agglomerations with more than 15.000 p.e., in sensitive areas and catchment of sensitive areas with more than 10.000 p.e.), the population density, and the main surface waters and their classification (sensitive, less sensitive). A summary table of the number of agglomerations, of their charge expressed in PE, by agglomeration classes and types of areas, similar to table 1 of the decision of 28.07.93 would be helpful. A cartographic representation should include:

- the principal agglomerations with colour indication of the treatment required,
- sensitive and less sensitive areas,
- main surface waters,
- big treatment plants and discharge points

Significant changes in the last two years, e.g. the increase in tourist activities should be shown.

2. Situation of the collection

The number and capacity of collecting systems, similar to table 2 of the decision of 28.07.1993 should be shown and the comparison with the situation two years ago. The degree of effectiveness of the collecting systems should be shown, preferably with the various loads (nominal load, total served load, and total connected load, are explained in

the "explanatory note" of the Article 15.4 - questionnaire). The used loads and the composition of load (tourist load, industrial load) should be explained.

3. Treatment Situation

The treatment situation of the reporting area should be described:

- by the indicators of tables 3, 4 and 5 of the decision of 28/07/93 (number and capacities of the treatment stations considered to be in conformity with the directive)
- by the total nominal load of the sector being the subject of a primary/ secondary/ more advanced/no treatment.
- by the percentages of effectiveness of the treatment on the various pollution parameters.

The development of the last two years should be shown.

4. Sludge situation

The sludge situation can be defined by the first line of table 6 of the decision of 28/07/93 (without the costs, but including the comparison with the situation two years ago).