

Table 1: Relevant Legislation and Responsible Organisations

Legislation	KEY OBJECTIVES	Responsible Authority	Ref.	Fig.
Water Quality and Ecology:				
Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) S.I. 722, 2003	Achieve Good Status for all waters within the EU by 2015. Establishment of River Basin Districts and River Basin Management Plans	RBD LA EPA Teagasc	Section 2.3	-
Water Quality Standards For Specific Uses:				
Bathing Water Directive (76/160/EEC) S.I. 84 of 1988; S.I. 99 of 1989; S.I. 155 of 1992; S.I. 230 of 1996	Member States must aspire to achieve guideline (G) standards (pre-requisite to Blue Flag Status) Imperative (I) standards, which are mandatory, less stringent.	LA	Section 2.4 & App. B.1.2	17
Freshwater Fish Directive (78/659/EEC as amended by 91/692/EC) ² S.I. 293, 1988	Prescribes quality standards for salmonid and cyprinid freshwaters. Requires Member States to designate waters to which the standards apply; Monitor the quality of designated waters and take measures to ensure compliance. The Dargle is the only current designated salmonid water within the GDSDS Area.	LA	App. B.1.3	5
Quality of Surface Water Intended for Abstraction of Drinking Water (75/440/EEC) ¹ S.I. 294, 1989	Gives parameters defining the physical, chemical and microbiological characteristics; Sets limit values and guide values; minimum frequency of sampling and analysis; Non-mandatory reference methods for measuring the parameters. Categorises surface water into three categories of quality standard, A1, A2 and A3.	LA	App. B.1.4	-
Analysis of Surface Water Intended for Abstraction of Drinking Water (79/869/EC) ¹ S.I. 294, 1989	Specifies minimum sampling frequency; methods of analysis.	LA	-	-
Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC) European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2000 S.I. No. 439, 2000	Drinking water to comply with the standards set in the Directive by 2003 Streamlining legislation to parameters essential for health and environment: More stringent standards for lead, copper and pesticides. Standards for new parameters such as trihalomethanes, trichloroethene, tetrachloroethene, bromate, acrylamide etc.	LA	App. B.1.4	-
Notes	¹ To be repealed by the Water Framework Directive by 2007. ² To be repealed by the Water Framework Directive by 2013.			