

Key emerging water legislation (International and European)

Emerging policy areas	Notes
<p>Priority Substances Directive under the Water Framework Directive (Daughter Directive). This came into effect in January 2009.</p>	<p>Aimed at reducing pollution of surface water (rivers, lakes/ lochs, estuaries and coastal waters) by setting limits in surface waters of 33 dangerous chemical substances.</p> <p>Scotland and Northern Ireland will be required to comply with any legally binding limit values for the chemicals which pose a risk to animal and plant life in the aquatic environment.</p>
<p>Marine Framework Directive. Will be based upon Article 175 of the Treaty of the European Community (1957) and applicable to all European Marine Waters.</p>	<p>To define/ establish ecosystem-based marine regions as the implementation unit. They will be defined on the basis of their hydrological, oceanographic and biogeographic features.</p> <p>An Implementation Plan, defined as an integrated framework for the adaptive management of human activities impacting on the marine region, would be prepared for each marine region.</p>