

**Question for written answer E-000580/2020**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Permanent ban on bathing in Reggio Calabria

Since 19 June 2014, in the municipality of Reggio Calabria, 10 areas along the coast have continued to be subject to a temporary bathing ban, by order of the mayor, because of pollution.

Article 5(4)(b) of Directive 2006/7/EC on the management of bathing water quality stipulates that 'if a bathing water is classified as 'poor' for five consecutive years, a permanent bathing prohibition or permanent advice against bathing shall be introduced'.

To date, despite several reminders, questions and complaints, there appears to have been no substantial improvement in the 10 above-mentioned areas, where the water is still classified as 'poor'<sup>1</sup>.

Can the Commission therefore say whether:

1. the municipality of Reggio Calabria has already issued an order or permanent advice against bathing in the aforementioned areas;
2. the municipality of Reggio Calabria has taken all the measures laid down in Article 5(4)(a) in order to prevent, reduce, or eliminate the causes of pollution in respect of each bathing water classified as 'poor';
3. it will call on the Calabria Region and the Municipality of Reggio Calabria to put in place special and urgent measures to eliminate or drastically reduce the causes of pollution and thus 'save' the upcoming bathing season of the largest city in Calabria?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.portaleacque.salute.gov.it/PortaleAcquePubblico/mappa.do> .