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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2006/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2006 concerning the management of bathing water quality and repealing Directive 76/160/EEC¹, and in particular Article 15(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2009/64/EC² specifies the international standard ISO 17994:2004(E) 'Water quality — Criteria for establishing equivalence between microbiological methods' as the standard on the equivalence of microbiological methods for the purposes of Directive 2006/7/EC.
- (2) Standard ISO 17994:2004(E) is outdated and has been technically updated (e.g. terminology update, clearer specifications, and addition of a new Annex on technical calculations).
- (3) Standard ISO 17994:2004(E) has therefore been replaced by a more recent version, ISO 17994:2014 'Water quality - Requirements for the comparison of the relative recovery of microorganisms by two quantitative methods'. This international standard has been transposed by the European Committee for Standardisation in a European standard EN ISO 17994:2014. It is therefore appropriate to specify standard EN ISO 17994:2014 as the standard on the equivalence of microbiological methods for the purposes of Directive 2006/7/EC.
- (4) Decision 2009/64/EC should therefore be repealed.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 16(1) of Directive 2006/7/EC,

¹ OJ L 64, 4.3.2006, p. 37.

² Commission Decision of 21 January 2009 specifying, pursuant to Directive 2006/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, ISO 17994:2004(E) as the standard on equivalence of microbiological methods (2009/64/EC) (OJ L 23, 27.1.2009, p. 32).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of Article 3(9) of Directive 2006/7/EC, standard EN ISO 17994:2014 'Water quality - Requirements for the comparison of the relative recovery of microorganisms by two quantitative methods' shall be specified as the standard on the equivalence of microbiological methods.

Article 2

Decision 2009/64/EC is repealed.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
[...]

The President