

Environment, agriculture, social policy and public health: amending certain Directives by reason of the change of status of Mayotte with regard to the Union

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PURPOSE: to amend certain Directives in the fields of environment, agriculture, social policy and public health by reason of the change of status of Mayotte with regard to the Union.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Directive 2013/64/EU amending Council Directives 91/271/EEC and 1999/74/EC, and Directives 2000/60/EC, 2006/7/EC, 2006/25/EC and 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, following the amendment of the status of Mayotte with regard to the European Union

CONTENT: on 11 July 2012, the European Council decided to grant **the status of an outermost region of the Union to Mayotte** with regard to the Union with effect from 1 January 2014. **Specific measures** provided in this Directive aim to take account of the particular structural social and economic situation of Mayotte, which is compounded by its remoteness, insularity, small size, difficult topography and climate.

Environment: three Directives are amended in order to: (i) grant France the sufficient periods of time for meeting the requirements of the Directives concerning **urban waste water treatment** and for the adoption and the proper implementation of **river basin management** plans; (ii) define specific time limits to allow France to reach the Union standards as regards **bathing water quality**.

France shall ensure that all agglomerations are provided with collecting systems for urban waste water: (i) by 31 December 2020 at the latest for agglomerations of more than 10 000 p.e. which will cover at least 70 % of the load generated in Mayotte; (ii) by 31 December 2027 at the latest for agglomerations of more than 2 000 p.e.’.

Agriculture: Council Directive 1999/74/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens is amended so as to **postpone the prohibition of using unenriched cages until 31 December 2017**. In order to prevent distortions of competition, eggs derived from establishments using unenriched cages should be marketed only on the local market of Mayotte.

Social policy: the amendment to Directive 2006/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council grants a **derogation to France, until 31 December 2017, from certain provisions in the field of artificial optical radiation**. France must ensure proper consultation of the social partners and limit risks for workers to a minimum.

Public health: Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of patients’ rights in cross-border healthcare is amended, to grant France an additional period **to 30 June 2016** to bring into force the provisions necessary to comply with that Directive in respect of Mayotte.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01/01/2014.

TRANSPOSITION: from 01/01/2014 to 30/06/2021 depending on the provisions.