COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 19 October 1981

adapting, consequent upon the accession of Greece, Directive 80/778/EEC relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption

(81/858/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 100 and 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas, to take account of the accession of Greece to the European Communities, Article 15 (2) of Council Directive 80/778/EEC of 15 July 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption (2) should be adapted;

Whereas, pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 198 of the Treaty, the Council consulted the Economic and Social Committee on the proposal from the Commission; whereas the Committee was not in a position to submit its opinion within the time limit set by the Council; whereas under the second paragraph of Article 198 of the treaty the absence of an opinion shall not prevent the Council from taking further action; whereas, having regard to the desirability of the rapid adoption of the required amendments, the Council considers it necessary to avail itself of this possibility,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

In Article 15 (2) of Directive 80/778/EEC, '41 votes' shall be replaced by '45 votes'.

Article 2

This Directive shall take effect on 1 January 1981.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 19 October 1981.

For the Council

The President

P. WALKER

(1) OJ No C 144, 15. 6. 1981, p. 37.
(2) OJ No L 229, 30. 8. 1980, p. 11.