

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

1. Information about the Blue Flag Programme must be displayed
2. Environmental education activities must be offered and promoted to beach users
3. Information on bathing water quality must be displayed
4. Information relating to local eco-systems and environmental phenomena must be displayed
5. A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed
6. Code of conduct for the beach area must be displayed and the laws governing beach use must be easily available to the public upon request

WATER QUALITY

7. The beach must fully comply with the water quality sampling and frequency requirements.
8. The beach must fully comply with the standards and requirements for water quality analysis
9. No industrial, waste-water or sewage-related discharges should affect the beach area
10. The beach must fully comply with the Blue Flag requirements for the microbiological parameters faecal colibacteria (E.coli) and faecal enterococci / streptococci.

11. The beach must fully comply with the Blue Flag requirements for the physical-chemical parameters.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

12. The local authority or beach operator should establish a beach management committee

13. The local authority or beach operator must comply with all regulations affecting the location and operation of the beach

14. Sensitive Area management

15. The beach must be clean

16. Algae vegetation or other natural debris should be left to decay on the beach

17. Waste disposal bins/containers must be available on/by the beach in adequate numbers and they must be regularly maintained

18. Facilities for the separation of recyclable waste materials should be available at the beach

19. An adequate number of toilet or restroom facilities must be provided

20. Toilet or restroom facilities must be kept clean

21. Toilet or restroom facilities must have controlled sewage disposal

22. On the beach there will be no unauthorised camping or driving and no dumping

23. Access to the beach by dogs and other domestic animals on the beach must be strictly controlled

24. All buildings and beach equipment must be properly maintained

25. Marine and freshwater sensitive habitats (such as coral reefs or sea grass beds) in the vicinity of the beach must be monitored

26. Sustainable means of transportation should be promoted in the beach area

SAFETY AND SERVICES

27. An adequate number of lifeguards and/or lifesaving equipment must be available at the beach

28. First aid equipment must be available on the beach

29. Emergency plans to cope with pollution safety risks must be in place

30. There must be management of different users and uses of the beach so as to prevent conflicts and accidents

31. There must be safety measures in place to protect the users of the beach

32. A supply of potable drinking water should be available on the beach

33. At least one Blue Flag beach in each municipality must have access and facilities provided for the physically disabled