

# Law Regarding Control of Bacteria and Chemicals in Swimming Pools for use by the General Public



*Pool Cleaning – Filtration – Pump Repairs / Replacement – Salt Systems – Auto-pH Control – Lo-Chlorine Systems - Lighting – Spare Parts*

*What all pool owners should understand regarding BOE-A-2013-10580 Swimming Pool Law - Spain*

**Responsible for a Communal pool Hotel Pool, or Spa you need to understand your responsibilities**

## **Article 1. Object.**

This Royal Decree aims to establish the basic criteria and technical health of the air and water quality of outdoor pools with the purpose of protecting the health of users from possible risks physical, chemical or microbiological arising from the use of the public pool.

**For the purposes of this Royal Decree establishes the following definitions:**

- 1. Swimming Pool:** Installation composed of the pool vessel itself or Spa for, recreational use, sports training or therapeutic, as well as the additions and services necessary to ensure their operation. The pool can be open, covered or mixed.
- 2. Swimming pool for public use:** Those swimming pools open to the public or to a defined group of users, not only for the family and guests of the owner or occupier, regardless of the payment of a price of entry.

**May be:**

- (a) Type 1.** Swimming pools where the water activity is the main objective, as in the case of public swimming pools, leisure, water parks or spas;
- (b) Type 2.** Swimming pools that are acting as extra service to main objective, as in the case of swimming pools in hotels, communal pools, tourist accommodation, camping or therapeutic in health centres, among others.

Basically if you are responsible for a pool used by members of the public you need to be aware of certain controls and measures that should be in-place.

**It is not permitted to administer chemicals directly into the pool** – The chemicals must be administered via the filtration system, this is done using automated systems that monitor and control the water quality every second the system is in use administering chemicals in small amounts as required – **Watermaid have been supplying these systems since 2004**

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