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Here we have:
The CELEX number of the EU Water Framework Directive

What are its constituent parts?

It has 4 components:

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Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy



See how changing the sector changes the document type

32000L0060

> original directive

72000L0060

> national transposition measures (incorporating the provisions into national law)

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> consolidated versions of this directive



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