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REGULATES THE POWERS OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES AND ADMINISTRATIONS
IN THE FIELD OF WATER AND SANITATION

Through the approval of ~~Municipal~~

- c) Studying, developing and managing systems for the treatment and final disposal of solid waste in population settlements

Article 4
Objectives

The regulation of powers provided for in the previous article aims to achieve the following general objectives:

- a) To enable Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations to exercise the powers delegated to them by Decree Law no. 3/2016, of 16 March;
- b) To establish communication and reporting mechanisms between Municipal Authorities, Municipal Administrations and the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications;
- c) To enable the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the respective programs and public policies at local level, by Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations.

Article 5
Goods and services to be provided by
Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations

The regulation of powers provided for in the previous article also aims at the provision of the following public goods and services:

- a) Building and rehabilitating public water supply systems in settlements outside urban areas;
- b) Ensuring the operation and maintenance of public water supply systems in population settlements outside urban areas;
- c) Building and rehabilitating public wastewater systems in population settlements outside urban areas;
- d) Ensuring the operation and maintenance of public waste water systems in population settlements outside urban areas;
- e) Designing, implementing and managing a solid waste treatment systems in settlements

CHAPTER II
RULES GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF POWERS

Article 6
Building and rehabilitating public water supply systems
in settlements outside urban areas

1. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall promote the construction and rehabilitation of public water supply systems to settlements located outside urban areas up to the maximum value established in article 133 of Decree Law no. 3/ 2016 of 16 March.
2. The inclusion of the construction or rehabilitation of public water supply systems in settlements located outside urban areas in the Municipal Investment Plan depends on the prior approval of the Minister of Public Works, Transport and Communications.
3. The approval provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be made within a maximum of thirty days. Failing this deadline, the request made by the President of the Municipal Authority or by the Municipal Administrator shall be considered tacitly granted.

3. The assessment parameters of drinking water supply systems for population settlements located outside urban areas shall be approved by the competent entity of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications, which shall inform the Presidents of Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrators thereof.
4. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall prepare reports on the inspection activities of the water supply systems in population settlements located outside urban areas, which they shall inform the competent entity of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications, on a quarterly basis or whenever requested.
5. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall conclude agreements with water management groups or Sucos on the management of water supply systems in population settlements, where this will improve the efficiency of the management of these systems.
6. The conclusion of water management agreements with the water management groups or with Sucos depends on the prior authorization of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications and is subject to the provisions of Decree No. 4/2004 of 11 February.
7. The Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications shall decide on requests for authorization, referred to in the previous number, within a maximum period of ten working days, after which they shall be considered tacitly granted.
8. The powers provided for in Decree no. 4/2004, of 11 February 2004, concerning the management of supply systems to population settlements outside urban areas and technical assistance to water management groups and communities, shall be exercised by Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations.

Article 8

Building and rehabilitating public wastewater systems in population settlements outside urban areas

1. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall promote the construction, and rehabilitation of public wastewater systems to settlements located outside urban areas, including the construction and rehabilitation of sanitary and public bath facilities, up to the maximum values established in Article 133 of Decree No. 3/2016 of 16 March.
2. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall ensure the existence of sanitary public bath facilities in all Sucos, with priority being given to the construction of such facilities in Sucos located in the most remote areas of national territory.
3. The inclusion of construction works or rehabilitation of public waste water systems in population settlements located outside urban areas in the Municipal Invest/F3 (ba)9(n)-10(a)9(r)7(e)9(a)9(s)-12(i)

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inform to the competent authority of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications, on a quarterly basis or whenever requested.

7. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall conclude agreements with local sanitation groups or Sucos on the management of waste water systems in population settlements whenever this provides for an improvement in the efficiency of the management of these systems, also coordinating with the competent authority of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications.

Article 10

Design, implementation and management of a system of treatment and final disposal of solid waste in population settlements

1. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall study and develop a municipal system of treatment and final destination of solid waste, in consultation with the competent authority of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications.
2. Municipal Authorities and Municipal Administrations shall promote the opening of procurement procedures for the execution of construction works, rehabilitation of treatment systems and final destination of solid waste, up to the maximum values established in Article 133 of Decree Law No. 3/2016 of 16 March, complying with the guidelines and technical specifications of the competent central services.
3. Municipal Authorities and

Administrative Decentralization and approval by the Ministers of Public Works, Transport and Communications and the State Administration.

Article 18
Entry into force

This Ministerial Order shall enter into force on the day following its publication.

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