

The Drinking Water Regulations, 2000

Outline of Requirements

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Introduction

Although a new directive on drinking water was ratified by the council of ministers in 1998, drinking water regulation in Ireland will continue to be governed by the 1988 regulations until January 1, 2004. This is despite the fact that new regulations, implementing the provisions of the new directive, were made by the Minister for The Environment and Local Government (DoELG) in December 2000.

The first directive (*Council Directive of 15 July 1980 Relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption (80/778/EEC)*) was ratified and published in 1980 and implementing regulations entitled *European Communities (Quality of Water Intended for Human Consumption) Regulations, 1988* were made by the Minister in Statutory Instrument 81 of 1988. This directive and implementing regulations will be effectively repealed in about two years time. The new directive is entitled *Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption*. The new regulations are entitled *European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2000* (Statutory Instrument 439 of 2000).

Why a new directive?

Exemptions

Definitions

Application

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Monitoring