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## SCO Order on substances for the treatment of water intended for the production of water for human consumption

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

SCO Order on substances for the treatment of water intended for the production of water for human consumption

#### **6. Products Concerned**

Quality of water for human consumption, water purification plants, manufacturing, packaging, distribution and use of chemical substances for the treatment of water.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

This Order aims to protect public health, guaranteeing the appropriate use of substances used in the treatment of water intended for the production of water for human consumption and updating Annex II to Royal Decree No 140/2003 on the substances used in the treatment of water. This provision shall be applicable to all products (substances or preparations) added to water or in water-treatment processes intended for the production of water for human consumption and its distribution, and process water used in the food industry, as well as those products used in the maintenance of supply and the cleaning of surfaces and equipment that come into contact with water for human consumption.

Key words: Drinking water, purification, chemical substances.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Royal Decree No 140 of 7 February 2003 laid down the sanitary criteria for the quality of water for human consumption, incorporating Directive 98/83/EC of the Council of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption into national legislation.

The main objective of this regulation is to protect human health, guaranteeing the safe use of substances used in the treatment of water intended for the production of water for human consumption.

Article 9 on substances for the treatment of water indicates that any substance or preparation added to water must comply with the standard UNE EN in force at that time. To this end, Annex II made reference to the UNE-EN Standards on substances used in the treatment of water for human consumption.

Having observed certain limitations on the application of these criteria and the updating of the substances listed in Annex II being necessary, it is considered appropriate to lay down national requirements relating to their use, based on the principle of precaution, so that none of the substances used in the treatment or distribution of water intended for human consumption, nor the impurities associated with these substances, remain in



concentrations higher than necessary to meet their objectives, in order that they do not cause direct or indirect damage to human health.

These reasons justify the need to update Annex II to Royal Decree No 140 of 7 February 2003 laying down the sanitary criteria for the quality of water for human consumption.

In addition to the updating of Annex II to Royal Decree No 140/2003, this provision repeals the Resolution of 23 April 1984 adopting the positive list of additives and technological coadjuvants authorised for the treatment of drinking water for public consumption.

This Order is laid down using the faculties attributed by the first final provision of Royal Decree No 140 of 7 February 2003. The sectors concerned have been consulted during the drafting of this document, as have the Autonomous Communities, with the Interministerial Committee for Food Legislation having issued its mandatory report.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Royal Decree No 140 of 7 February 2003 laying down the sanitary criteria for the quality of water for human consumption (transposition of Directive 98/83/EC).

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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#### **13. Confidentiality**

NO

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

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#### **15. Impact assessment**

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#### **16. TBT and SPS aspects**

YES

NO

This draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A of the SPS agreement.

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