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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department



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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Water Industry, England and Wales, Secretary of State
Specifications for Backflow Prevention Devices

6. Products Concerned

The Secretary of State Specifications for Backflow Prevention Devices will be made under the Water Regulations (which were notified to the Commission in July 1998). It will apply to any backflow prevention device installed or used, or to be installed or used, in premises to which water is or is to be supplied by a water undertaker, where there are not existing recognised standards.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

A. Under the provisions of the Water Regulations, the Secretary of State is entitled to make specifications for water fittings, where there are no existing harmonised European standards, or British standards, covering the waste, misuse, undue consumption or contamination of water supplies. The specifications relating to backflow have

been incorporated into a standard, rather than into the main body of the Regulations so that it can reflect changes in the proposed draft European Standard on backflow. In the meantime, this specification is based as far as possible on the draft European standards so as to minimise any future problems of convergence to such standards when published. The drafts also, where necessary, reflect existing British Standards, and other worthwhile innovation in leading world standards, including standards from France, the Netherlands, Germany, Australia/New Zealand and the USA. The Water Regulations include a mutual recognition clause for equivalent standards and testing, and this recognition carries over into the Secretary of State standard.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Directive 98/34/EC when these Regulations are officially published.

B. The United Kingdom would like to be informed by other Member States of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety and security.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Secretary of State Specification for backflow devices will ensure that such fittings are of an appropriate quality and standard and suitable for their purpose. They are essential in protecting the consumer from drinking or coming into contact with contaminated drinking water supplies, and ensuring that fittings are not dangerous to the consumer or unduly waste water.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Text of the draft Secretary of State Specifications for Backflow Prevention Devices, an overview page and a contents page.

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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