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## **Prohibition of use of PVC-U water supply pipes containing lead-based compounds.**

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### **Message**

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Communication from the Commission - SG(2001) D/50293  
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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

United Kingdom.

**3. Department Responsible**

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

**3. Originating Department**

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR)

**4. Notification Number**



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**5. Title**

Prohibition of use of PVC-U water supply pipes containing lead-based compounds.

**6. Products Concerned**

All PVC-U water supply pipes containing lead-based compounds.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

Revocation of national approvals for PVC-U water supply pipes containing lead-based compounds and prohibition of use of PVC-U water supply pipes containing lead-based compounds. The regulation will recognise equivalent standards and testing.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The new Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC) has reduced the maximum permitted concentration for the lead parameter from 50 micrograms per litre to an interim value of 25 micrograms per litre by 25 December 2003 and to a final value of 10 microgrammes per litre by December 2013. PVC-U water supply pipes containing lead-based compounds have the potential to cause a contravention of the interim value. This regulation is necessary in order to protect public health and to ensure compliance with the Drinking Water Directive.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

All PVC-U water supply pipes containing lead-based compounds.

Copy of Information Letter describing the background to the new requirement

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No



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