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## **Amendment to conditions of approval for flocculants and coagulants (products based on polyamine) issued under regulation 25(3) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989.**

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Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

### Message

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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

2000/0009/UK

### 5. Title

Amendment to conditions of approval for flocculants and coagulants (products based on polyamine) issued under regulation 25(3) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989.

### 6. Products Concerned

Flocculants and coagulants based on polyamine and intended for use in the provision of public water supplies.

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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### 8. Main Content

Introduction of a limit on the maximum concentration of 3-monochloro-propane-1,2-diol (3MCPD) in polyamine flocculants and coagulants. The regulation is expressed in performance terms and does not preclude recognition of equivalent standards and testing.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The European standard for polyamines used in drinking water treatment (EN1409-April 1998) does not include a limit on the maximum concentration for 3MCPD. The European Commission's Scientific Committee on Food has concluded that 3MCPD is a genotoxic carcinogen (Opinion published December 1994).

### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- i. Copy of the legal instrument imposing the new requirement. Copy of information Letter describing the background to the new requirement.
- ii. -
- iii. Not applicable. The chemical substance in question is the subject of a European Standard

### 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

### 12. Grounds for the Emergency

DETR has sought advice from the Department of Health Committee on Carcinogenicity and the Committee on Mutagenicity concerning 3MCPD concentrations in water treatment chemicals. Those committees have advised that immediate measures should be taken to reduce consumer exposure to 3MCPD through the use of polyamine products in drinking water treatment processes. DETR is therefore taking precautionary action described in 8.



**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

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