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The Water Supply (Water Fittings) (Scotland) Byelaws 2014

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

2014/0135/UK - B00

5. Title

The Water Supply (Water Fittings) (Scotland) Byelaws 2014

6. Products Concerned

The Byelaws set standards in Scotland for pipes, fittings and apparatus using water. They make similar provisions to those which the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 (notification 1998/338/UK) do for England and Wales and the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (notification 2009/142/UK) do for Northern Ireland.

The Byelaws make provision for preventing waste, undue consumption, misuse, erroneous measurement or contamination of water supplied by the publicly-owned utility Scottish Water. For instance, no material or substance may be used in water fittings (plumbing) which would be likely to cause contamination of water.

Types, specifications and standards for materials and substances are detailed in the Byelaws and in the Water Regulations Guide published by the Water Regulations Advisory Scheme, ISBN 0-9539708-0-9.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Byelaws make provision for preventing contamination, waste, misuse and undue consumption of water supplied by Scottish Water. They do not apply to certain water fittings in connection with water supplied for non-domestic purposes, or to water fittings lawfully installed before the operational date of the Byelaws. The Byelaws impose general requirements in relation to water fittings. Water fittings must not be installed, connected, arranged or used in such a manner that they are likely to cause waste, misuse, undue consumption or contamination, or erroneous measurement, of the water supplied. They must be of an appropriate quality or standard, and be suitable for the circumstances in which they are used; and they must be installed, connected or disconnected in a way that conforms to certain specifications. The Byelaws require a person who proposes to install certain water fittings to notify Scottish Water, and not to commence installation without Scottish Water's consent. Scottish Water may withhold consent or grant it on certain conditions. This requirement does not apply to some fittings which are installed by an approved contractor. The Byelaws set fines for any contravention. Scottish Water will enforce the requirements of these regulations and this duty is enforceable by the Scottish Government.

The following technical updates and amendments have been included -

- a requirement for notification to Scottish Water of the installation of systems incorporating an "alternative supply", that is a private supply of water derived from, but not limited to, a spring, well, borehole, rainwater harvesting, stream or river. This is to reflect the increase in the use of alternative supplies and the need to protect against cross-contamination;
- a requirement for approved contractors to notify installation of certain devices aimed at protecting against



contamination by fluids presenting a serious or significant health hazard;

- a reduction from 25 to 20 deg. C in the maximum permissible temperature (where reasonably practicable) of water in cold water supply pipes etc, reflecting equivalent changes in water quality legislation;
- permitting alternative safety devices to temperature or combined temperature and pressure relief valves in unvented hot water storage vessels, where these provide at least an equivalent degree of safety, in accordance with a relaxation granted in 2010; and
- the minimum distance of a vented pipe interrupter forming a backflow prevention device in a flushing arrangement for a WC etc incorporating a pressure flushing valve is reduced from not less than 300 to not less than 150 mm above the spill-over level of the WC, reflecting current EU requirements.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Byelaws provide significant public health and safety protection. They prevent contamination of the public water supply and provide an enforcement framework to ensure that standards are met. The existing Byelaws, which were the subject of notification 2003/0400/UK, expire on 12 July 2014. These new Byelaws update and remake their provisions and take account of changes to European legislation (specifically, the repeal of Council Directive 89/106/EEC and its substitution by Regulation (EU) No 305/2011).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: The Water Regulations Guide, published by the Water Regulations Advisory Scheme, ISBN 0-9539708-0-9 Sent with notification 2003/0400/UK

Basic Texts have been forwarded within the framework of a previous notification: 2003/0400/UK

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Impact assessment not available

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect



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Single Market for goods
Prevention of Technical Barriers

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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