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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Bottles of natural mineral water, bottles of spring water and public natural mineral water refreshment areas.

7. Notification Under Another Act

- Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption;
- Commission Directive 2003/40/EC of 16 May 2003 establishing the list, concentration limits and labelling requirements for the constituents of natural mineral waters and the conditions for using ozone-enriched air for the treatment of natural mineral waters and spring waters;
- Directive 2009/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters (Recast).
- Commission Regulation (EU) No 115/2010 of 9 February 2010 laying down the conditions for use of activated alumina for the removal of fluoride from natural mineral waters and spring waters

8. Main Content

This draft text aims to establish the quality limits for certain organic micropollutants (trihalomethanes, tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, pesticides and their metabolites, benzene, benzo(a)pyrene, 1,2-dicholoroethane and aromatic polycyclic hydrocarbons) in conjunction with natural mineral water purity objectives. Indeed, European Directive 2003/40/EC only establishes a quality limit for 16 parameters (natural constituents of a natural mineral water) and leaves the Member States room for manoeuvre when it comes to defining the natural mineral water purity criteria. Furthermore, as the French regulation plans to define, by Order of the Health and Consumer Ministers, the list of authorised treatments for natural mineral water and packaged waters (Article R. 1332-32 of the French Public Health Code) and the conditions for use, and the conditions for labelling in the event of treatment intended to separate certain undesirable constituents (Article R. 1322-44-10 of the French Public Health Code), the

treatments using activated alumina and selective adsorption with metal oxide coated filtration media and the labelling conditions for activated alumina have been included in the Draft Order. The other amendments are only modifications of form. Another Order will specify the search frequency for these organic micropollutants within the context of sanitary control of natural mineral water.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The implementation of these quality limits must allow the purity of natural mineral water to be defined.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference texts: Decree No. 2007-49 of 11 January 2007 relating to the safety of water intended for human consumption (notification No. 2005/0492/F)

Order of 14 March 2007 relating to the quality characteristics of packaged waters, treatments and specific labelling requirements of packaged natural mineral waters and spring waters as well as natural mineral water distributed in public refreshment areas (notification No. 2005/0493/F).

11.	Invocation	of the	Emergency	Procedure
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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT relevance

No - The draft complies with an international standard.

SPS relevance

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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