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The draft Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

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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 Health, Social Services and Public Safety.



4. Notification Number

2005/0019/UK – C50A

5. Title

The draft Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

6. Products Concerned

Natural mineral water, spring water and bottled drinking water.

7. Notification Under Another Act

Article 9.3 of Council Directive 80/777/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters (OJ No L229, 30.8.1980, p1) and article 19 of directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs (OJ No L109, 6.5.2000, p.29).

8. Main Content

The draft Regulations specify the criteria referred to in Art 9.2(b) of directive 80/777/EEC for the bottling of natural mineral water bearing an indication that it is suitable for the preparation of infant formulae or follow-on formulae and the sale of natural mineral water using that indication. Similar criteria are applied to spring and bottled drinking waters using that indication. They comprise:-

- (a) compositional limits for waters bearing the indication;
- (b) specification of the wording of the indication, including the need to boil and cool the water before use;
- (c) advice in the labelling regarding the health hazards of inappropriate preparation of infant formulae and follow-on formulae, the need to follow the manufacturer's instructions in their preparation and the superiority of breast feeding as compared with infant formulae, and that follow-on formulae should not be used instead of breast milk in the first 4 months of life;
- (d) restrictions on labelling which idealises the use of water in infant formulae or follow-on formulae.

The United Kingdom will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these Regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The requirements described in paragraph 8 are needed to enable consumers to identify those bottled waters suitable for use in infant formulae and follow-on formulae. They aim to safeguard the health of infants and promote Government policy that breast feeding of infants is preferable wherever possible. Because public supply water is considered suitable for infant feeding, in the main the compositional limits applied to such water are also applied to bottled waters suitable for infant feeding.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

c) Notification No 2002/0004/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

At present separate RIA's are not carried out in Northern Ireland, findings from the English RIA is taken as representative.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft is not a technical regulation nor a conformity assessment procedure in the sense of Annex 1 of the TBT Agreement.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade

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