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The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

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3. Originating Department

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

6. Products Concerned

The Regulations set standards for pipes, fittings and apparatus using water.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These Regulations make provision for preventing contamination and waste of water supplied by a water undertaker. 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 Regulations. The Regulations 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 workmanlike manner. The Regulations require a person who proposes to install certain water fittings to notify the undertaker, and not to commence installation without the undertaker's consent. The undertaker 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 Regulations set fines for any contravention and enable the water undertaker to carry out inspections, measurements and tests. The undertaker will enforce the requirements of these regulations and this duty is enforceable by the Department for Regional Development. The Regulations provide that the water undertaker may apply for relaxations in exceptional circumstances and permits the water undertaker to carry out works and recover costs in respect of contamination incidents.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Regulations will replace The Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991. The 1991 Regulations are outdated, out of step with regulatory practice in the rest of the UK, overly prescriptive and do not encourage innovation in the water industry. The Regulations provide for more stringent notification procedures to inform the water undertaker of the installation of high water-using products and an improved system of backflow prevention measures to avoid contamination of public drinking water through the backflow of water in industrial and domestic installations.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulation 1999.
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si1999/19991148.htm> (S.I. 1999/1148)

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

The impact assessment is attached.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft is in conformity with an international standard.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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