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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Water for human consumption, including packaged natural mineral waters.

7. Notification Under Another Act

- Council Directive 80/777/EEC of 15 July 1980 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters, as amended by Directive 96/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 1996 and 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;
- Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption.

8. Main Content

This draft text transposes into the same order the parameters relating to the quality of packaged water, the types of authorised treatments, and the corresponding labelling requirements.

For the labelling requirement "suitable for preparing baby food", the limit of nitrates per litre of packaged mineral water has been lowered from 15 to 10 mg (R.1322-59).

Keywords: characteristics of natural mineral waters; treatment of natural mineral waters and spring waters, indication "suitable for the feeding of infants" and nitrates limit.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Article 9(3) of Directive 80/777/EEC applies, which allows Member States to adopt specific provisions regarding information, following the September 2003 report of the committee of "water" experts regarding the quality criteria of bottled natural mineral waters and spring waters, allowing consumption by infants and young children without a health risk. This report may be consulted at www.afssa.fr

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The references to the basic texts of the draft Order are in the following draft articles of the Public Health Code:



- R.1321-2, R.1321-70, R.1321-71, R.1321-75 for spring water
- R.1322-3, R.1322-33, R.1322-59 for natural mineral water.

(A table of correspondence with Community texts and existing articles is attached to the draft)

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

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade)

a) NO

b) The draft conforms to an international standard

SPS Aspect (Agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures)

a) NO

b) The content of the draft is substantially the same as that of an international standard, directive or recommendation.

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