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## Order relating to the hygiene rules applicable to water distribution networks for human consumption

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**4. Notification Number**

98/0147/F

**5. Title**

Order relating to the hygiene rules applicable to water  
distribution networks for human consumption

**6. Products Concerned**

Adduction networks, installations inside buildings, storage  
reservoirs, water treatment installations, non-return devices  
for water (valves, shut-offs devices etc)

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

The purpose of the draft Order is to update national

regulations on water distribution installations for human  
consumption, in particular adduction networks and  
installations inside buildings. The main proposed provisions



concern:

- general design and maintenance rules for water distribution installations for the prevention of risks linked to the degradation of the chemical and bacteriological quality of water supplied to the end consumer, and specifically risks of accident caused by the backflow of water;

- special design and maintenance rules which apply to certain sensitive equipment which is likely to alter the quality of water distributed (examples: water reservoirs and water treatment devices);

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The new national regulations will be replaced with the current sanitary departmental regulations, introduced in each department by the prefectorial Orders dated 1978. This development and reinforcement of the legal framework sought by the legislator is accompanied by the renewal, harmonisation and update of the existing requirements contained in these regulations.

The list of rules which appear in this document are most frequently of a general nature; the expected publication of operational European standards in this sector (see work programme CEN/TC 164) will make it possible to specify the contents of said rules. For water treatment products, reference is made to French standards or standards from a Member State of the European Union. European standardisation in progress for said products will also facilitate the implementation of national rules.

These regulations, which include obligations to make existing regulations conform with regard to several features which are sensitive in terms of risk, must be published at the same time as the new European Directive on water for consumption (planned for the second half of 1998). Thus, the bringing into conformity of installations inside buildings containing lead piping could be carried out pursuant to the new rules laid down by this Regulation as well as those rules contained in the Order of 29 May 1997 on materials for water distribution installations (notification 96/0248/F)

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Amended Decree no. 89.3 of 3 January 1989 relating to the quality of water for human consumption.

#### **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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