
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Amendments to the Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

20. For Table C in Part II of Schedule 3 and the notes attached to it there shall be substituted the following provisions –

“TABLE C

Column 1 <i>Item</i>	Column 2 <i>Parameters</i>	Column 3 <i>Units of measurement</i>	Column 4 <i>Maximum or concentration</i>
1.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> (<i>E.coli</i>)	number/250 ml	0/250 ml
2.	Enterococci	number/250 ml	0/250ml
3.	Colony count 22°C	number/ml	100/ml
			(notes 1 and 2)
4.	Colony count 37°C	number/ml	20/ml
			(notes 1 and 3)
5.	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	number/250ml	0/250 ml”.

Note 1: The total viable colony count should be measured within 12 hours of bottling, with the sample water being kept at a constant temperature during that 12 hour period. Any increase in the total viable colony count of the water between 12 hours after bottling and the time of sale should not be greater than that normally expected.

Note 2: In 72 hours on agar-agar or an agar-gelatine mixture.

Note 3: In 24 hours on agar-agar.
