
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 255

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

**PART I
PRELIMINARY**

Citation, commencement, and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and shall come into operation on 3rd August 2009.

(2) In these Regulations—

“approved contractor” means a person who—

- (a) has been approved by the water undertaker for the area where a water fitting is installed or used, or
- (b) has been certified as an approved contractor by an organisation specified by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly of Wales under The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999⁽¹⁾;

“the Department” means the Department for Regional Development;

^{F1} ...⁽²⁾

^{F2} ...⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾

“EEA State” means a State which is a contracting party to the EEA Agreement;

^{F1} ...

“fluid category” means a category of fluid described in Schedule 1;

“greywater” means waste water from baths, showers, wash basins and washing machines;

^{F1} ...

“material change of use” means a change in the purpose for which, or the circumstances in which, premises are used, such that after that change the premises are used (where previously they were not so used)—

- (a) as a dwelling;
- (b) as an institution;
- (c) as a public building; or

(1) [S.I. 1999/1148](#)

(2) [OJNo. L40, 11.2.89, p. 12.](#)

(3) [Cmnd 2073](#)

(4) [Cmnd 2183.](#)

(d) for the purposes of the storage or use of substances which if mixed with water result in a fluid which is classified as either fluid category 4 or 5;

“the Order” means The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006;

“reclaimed water” means greywater after treatment which can be used for non-wholesome applications;

“supply pipe” means so much of any service pipe as is not vested in a water undertaker; and

“water undertaker” means a company appointed under Article 13(1) of the Order.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in [reg. 1\(2\)](#) omitted (28.11.2015) by virtue of [The Water Supply \(Water Quality\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/363\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(1)**

F2 Words in [reg. 1\(2\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Water and Floods \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/32\)](#), regs. 1(1), **3(2)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Commencement Information

I1 [Reg. 1](#) in operation at 3.8.2009, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Application of Regulations

2.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (4), these Regulations apply to any water fitting installed or used, or to be installed or used, in premises to which water is or is to be supplied by a water undertaker.

(2) These Regulations do not apply to a water fitting installed or used, or to be installed or used, in connection with water supplied for purposes other than domestic or food production purposes, provided that—

- (a) the water is metered;
- (b) the supply of the water is for a period not exceeding one month, or, with the written consent of the water undertaker, three months; and
- (c) no water can return through the meter to any pipe vested in a water undertaker.

(3) Except for the purposes of paragraph 14 of Schedule 2 (Prevention of cross connection to unwholesome water), these Regulations do not apply to water fittings which are not connected or to be connected to water supplied by a water undertaker.

(4) Nothing in these Regulations shall require any person to remove, replace, alter, disconnect or cease to use any water fitting which was lawfully installed or used, or capable of being used, before 3rd August 2009.

Commencement Information

I2 [Reg. 2](#) in operation at 3.8.2009, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, PART I.