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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2009 No. 260**

**The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

**Amendment of the Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007**

7. In Schedule 4 (exploitation and bottling requirements for natural mineral water and spring water)—

(a) for paragraph 4 there is substituted—

“4. The conditions of exploitation, particularly the washing and bottling equipment, must meet hygiene requirements. In particular, the containers must be so treated or manufactured as to avoid adverse effects on the microbiological and chemical characteristics of the water.”;

(b) for paragraph 5(3) there is substituted—

“(3) Water distributed to the ultimate consumer in a bottle marked or labelled with the description “spring water” may be transported from the spring to the bottling plant in a container which is not for distribution to the ultimate consumer if, on or before 13th December 1996, water from that spring was so transported.”; and

(c) for paragraph 8 there is substituted—

“8. Both at source and during its marketing, water shall be free from—

- (a) parasites and pathogenic micro-organisms;
- (b) *Escherichia coli* and other coliforms and faecal streptococci in any 250 ml sample examined;
- (c) sporulated sulphite-reducing anaerobes in any 50 ml sample examined; and
- (d) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in any 250 ml sample examined.”.