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## The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

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# THE NATURAL MINERAL WATER, SPRING WATER AND BOTTLED DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

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- 1. A person seeking to have water which is extracted from...
- 2. Where information on the anions, cations, non-ionised compounds and trace...
- 3. Where information required by paragraph 1 has been given, the...
- 4. The district council must, on recognising a natural mineral water...

PART 2 — Natural mineral water extracted from the ground in a country other than an EEA State

- 1. A person seeking to have a water which is extracted...
- 2. Where information on anions, cations, non-ionised compounds and trace elements...
- 3. The Agency must recognise such a water if the responsible...
- 4. Recognition of such water lapses after a period of five...
- 5. The Agency must, on recognising water in accordance with this...

PART 3 — Requirements and criteria for recognition as a natural mineral water

- 1. A person seeking to have water recognised as natural mineral...
- 2. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), a person seeking to have...

PART 4 — Particulars of anions, cations, non-ionised compounds and trace elements

#### SCHEDULE Fluoride removal treatment

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- 1. A person must not carry out fluoride removal treatment on...
- 2. A person seeking authorisation to carry out fluoride removal treatment...
- 3. The district council must assess the application and any supporting...
- 4. Where the district council decides to authorise a fluoride removal...
- 5. Where the district council decides to refuse to authorise a...
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- 7. Where the district council is satisfied that the conditions specified...
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- 9. The Agency, upon receiving an application under paragraph 8, must
- 10. The district council must immediately comply with a direction of...

#### SCHEDULE Ozone-enriched air treatment

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- 1. A person must not carry out an ozone-enriched air treatment...
- 2. An ozone-enriched air treatment must not— (a) modify the physicochemical
- 3. A person seeking authorisation to carry out an ozone-enriched air...
- 4. The district council must assess the application and any supporting...
- 5. Where the district council decides to authorise an ozone-enriched air...

- 6. Where the district council refuses to authorise an ozone-enriched
- 7. Where an ozone-enriched air treatment has been authorised pursuant
- 8 The district council may withdraw authorisation of an ozoneenriched air...
- 9. Where the district council has informed an applicant under paragraph...
- 10. The Agency, upon receiving an application under paragraph 9,
- 11. The district council must immediately comply with a direction of...

#### **SCHEDULE** Exploitation and bottling requirements for natural mineral water and

- water intended to be labelled and sold as "spring water"
- Equipment for exploiting the water must be so installed as... 1.
- The spring or outlet must be protected against the risks... 2
- 3 The catchment, pipes and reservoirs must be of materials suitable...
- 4. The conditions of exploitation, particularly the washing and bottling equipment,...
- 5. (1) Subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), water must not...
- 6. (1) The revivable total colony count of the water at...
- (1) After bottling, the total colony count of the water... 7.
- 8. Water must be free from— (a) parasites and pathogenic microorganisms;...

#### **SCHEDULE** Constituents of natural mineral water

PART 1 — Maximum limits for constituents of natural mineral water

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#### Labelling indications for natural mineral water **SCHEDULE**

**SCHEDULE** Requirements for water bottled and labelled as "spring water" and

> bottled drinking water including prescribed concentrations or values of parameters

- PART 1 Requirements for water bottled and labelled as spring water and bottled drinking water
- Water satisfies the requirements if— (a) the water does not... 1.
- The concentrations or values of the parameters listed in the...
  - PART 2 Parametric values for microbiological and chemical parameters PART 3 Parametric values for indicator parameters

  - PART 4 Parametric values for radon, tritium and indicative dose (ID)

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- bottled and labelled as "spring water" and bottled drinking water PART 1 — Check monitoring
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- Check monitoring means sampling water bottled and labelled as 2. "spring...
- 3. Frequency of sampling

PART 2 — Audit Monitoring

- 1. Sampling
- 2. Audit monitoring means sampling water bottled and labelled as "spring...
- Sampling must be carried out at frequencies specified in Table...

#### **SCHEDULE** Monitoring for radioactive substances in water bottled and labelled

as "spring water" and bottled drinking water

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#### PART 1 — General

- 1. General
- 2. Radon
- 3. The representative surveys must be designed in such a way...
- 4. Each district council must monitor for radon if there is...
- 5. Tritium
- 6. Sampling must be carried out at the frequencies specified in...
- 7. If the concentration of tritium exceeds the parametric value specified...
- 8. Indicative dose
- 9. Sampling must be carried out at the frequencies specified in...
- 10. The district council may use various reliable screening strategies to...
- 11. If the district council screens for an individual radionuclide or...
- 12. (1) If the district council screens for gross alpha activity...
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- 1. Analysis of samples
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- 3. Sampling and analysis by persons other than district councils

PART 2 — Methods of analysis and performance characteristics Make a basal medium consisting of— Tryptose 30.0g Yeast extract...

SCHEDULE Sampling and analysis for indicative dose in water bottled and

labelled as "spring water" and bottled drinking water

PART 1 — General

- 1. Analysis of samples
- 2. For each parameter and radionuclide specified in the first column...
- 3. For each parameter specified in the first column of Table...
- 4. If the following formula is satisfied, the indicative dose is...

PART 2 — Methods of analysis and performance characteristics

SCHEDULE Application and modification of provisions of the Order

Part 1 — Modification of Article 9(1)

1. For Article 9(1) (improvement notices), substitute— (1) If an authorised...

PART 2 — Modification of Article 33(1)

1. In Article 33(1) for subparagraphs (a) to (c) (powers of...

PART 3 — Modification of Article 37 and 38

- 1. For Article 37(1) of the Order (appeals), substitute—
- 2. In Article 37(2A)(b) for "(1)(a)" substitute "(1) as applied and...
- 3. In both Article 38(1) and (2) of the Order after...

Part 4 — Application and modification of other provisions of the Order

SCHEDULE Consequential Amendments

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- 1. The Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009
- 2. The Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013
- 3. The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

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