

SCHEDULE 1

Recognition of natural mineral water

PART 1

Natural mineral water extracted from the ground in Northern Ireland

1. A person seeking to have water which is extracted from the ground in Northern Ireland recognised as natural mineral water for the purposes of Article 1 of Directive 2009/54 must apply in writing to the district council within whose district the water is extracted, giving the following information—

- (a) the particulars specified in paragraph 1 of Part 3;
- (b) the information obtained as a result of the surveys and analyses required under paragraphs 1 and 2, as read with paragraph 4 of Part 3 are established; and
- (c) evidence to show that the water contains no substance listed in Part 1 of Schedule 5 at a level which exceeds the maximum limit specified in relation to that substance in that Schedule.

2. Where information on the anions, cations, non-ionised compounds and trace elements is required to be given pursuant to paragraph 1(b), the concentration of each such anion, cation, non-ionised compound and trace element specified in the first column of the tables in Part 4 of this Schedule must be expressed in the unit of measurement specified in the second column of the tables in Part 4.

3. Where information required by paragraph 1 has been given, the district council must assess it and must recognise the water to which the information relates as natural mineral water if it is satisfied that—

- (a) the water is natural mineral water which complies with paragraph 3 of Section 1 of Annex 1 to Directive 2009/54;
- (b) the characteristics of the water have been assessed in accordance with—
 - (i) the points numbered 1 to 4 in paragraph 2(a) of Section I of Annex I to Directive 2009/54;
 - (ii) the particulars and criteria listed in Part 3; and
 - (iii) recognised scientific methods.

4. The district council must, on recognising a natural mineral water in accordance with paragraph 3, publish an announcement of such recognition and the grounds on which it has been granted in the Belfast Gazette.