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To: Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016 (as amended) and Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2017, regulation 5 transitional list approval holders, current water company day to day contacts and local authorities.

Dear Sir or Madam

Notification of changes to transitional list of products / substances permitted for use in private water supplies (PWS)

Purpose

1. The existing transitional product list¹ is being replaced with a private water supply approval list of products and substances requiring a regulation 5 approval. To aid local authorities in their risk assessments and provide a formal review process for products that are unable to meet the criteria set out in the [information note on regulation 5](#).
2. The transitional product list¹ will no longer be maintained after the 31 December 2021. Instead, products listed at this time will be granted a three year PWS regulation 5 approval. Manufacturers wishing to add their products after this date will be required to undergo an approval process and listed on the PWS – regulation 5 product approval list located on the PWS [webpage](#).
3. Each PWS regulation 5 approval will be a way of demonstrating compliance for products that are unable to meet the other four requirements for local authorities to adequately risk assess a product, or a material's potential effects on water quality through compliance with regulation 5 of The Private Water Supplies (England)

¹ [Regulation 5 - Drinking Water Inspectorate \(dwi.gov.uk\)](http://www.dwi.gov.uk)

Regulations 2016² (as amended)³ and The Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2017⁴. As detailed in the [information note on regulation 5](#).

4. The criteria set out in [information note on regulation 5](#) for checking a product or substance complies with regulation 5 of The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016² (as amended)³ and The Private Water Supplies (Wales) Regulations 2017⁴ are as follows:
 - Those permitted to be used in a water supply under regulation 31 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 (2017 in Wales)
 - Those that comply with the requirements of regulation 31(4)(b) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 (2017 in Wales)
 - Those that demonstrate existing compliance with regulation 4 of the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulation 1999 (formerly known as a WRAS approval)
 - Compliant with a current BS EN for treatment chemicals and products as detailed in [Annex 2](#) (<https://cdn.dwi.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/01151220/Annex2.pdf>).

Background

5. The transitional list has been in place for the last 10 years. The PWS approval process which will replace this requires a formal application to be followed by three-yearly reviews to maintain approval. This process is aligned with The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulation 2016⁵ (as amended)⁶ and The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulation (Wales) 2018⁷ requirements for compliance with regulation 31 for the approval of products intended for public water supplies.
6. All PWS risk assessment templates will be updated to include this new list as a reference for local authorities undertaking PWS risk assessments. This includes updated information for reviewing the status for products demonstrating compliance with regulation 4 of The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulation 1999⁸ for materials and products.

Action required

7. No action is required by manufacturers who are currently included on the transitional list¹. These products will be transferred to the new

² [The Private Water Supplies \(England\) Regulations 2016 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

³ [The Private Water Supplies \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

⁴ [The Private Water Supplies \(Wales\) Regulations 2017 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

⁵ [The Water Supply \(Water Quality\) Regulations 2016 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

⁶ [The Water Supply \(Water Quality\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

⁷ [The Water Supply \(Water Quality\) Regulations 2018 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

⁸ [untitled \(dwi.gov.uk\)](#)

approval list and approval letters sent to the contacts held on file.
Please contact the Inspectorate at your earliest convenience if you believe these to be out of date.

8. All approvals will require re-approval after three years have lapsed from the time of initial approval, and an invitation to re-approve will be sent to each approval holder. If a product fails to be reapproved that product will be removed from the list and no longer be approved for use.
9. Manufactures seeking more information on the approval, the approval process or have further questions, kindly refer to the guidance notes available on the PWS section of our [website](#) or by contacting Derek Wilkins (derek.wilkins@defra.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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