

Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on
the quality of water intended for human consumption

Article 3

Exemptions

- 1 This Directive shall not apply to:
 - a natural mineral waters recognised as such by the competent national authorities, in accordance with Council Directive 80/777/EEC of 15 July 1980 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters⁽¹⁾;
 - b waters which are medicinal products within the meaning of Council Directive 65/65/EEC of 26 January 1965 on the approximation of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to medicinal products⁽²⁾.
- 2 Member States may exempt from the provisions of this Directive:
 - a water intended exclusively for those purposes for which the competent authorities are satisfied that the quality of the water has no influence, either directly or indirectly, on the health of the consumers concerned;
 - b water intended for human consumption from an individual supply providing less than 10 m³ a day as an average or serving fewer than 50 persons, unless the water is supplied as part of a commercial or public activity.
- 3 Member States that have recourse to the exemptions provided for in paragraph 2(b) shall ensure that the population concerned is informed thereof and of any action that can be taken to protect human health from the adverse effects resulting from any contamination of water intended for human consumption. In addition, when a potential danger to human health arising out of the quality of such water is apparent, the population concerned shall promptly be given appropriate advice.

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- (1) [OJ L 229, 30.8.1980, p. 1](#). Directive as last amended by Directive 96/70/EC ([OJ L 299, 23.11.1996, p. 26](#)).
- (2) [OJ 22 9.2.1965, p. 369](#). Directive as last amended by Directive 93/39/EEC ([OJ L 214, 24.8.1993, p. 22](#)).