
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

PART 2

Natural mineral water

Sale of natural mineral water

13.—(1) A person must not sell water which is bottled and labelled “natural mineral water” unless that water is natural mineral water recognised in accordance with regulation 4(2).

(2) A person must not sell bottled natural mineral water if it—

- (a) has been extracted from a spring which is exploited in contravention of regulation 8;
- (b) has been subjected to any treatment or addition in contravention of regulation 9;
- (c) is bottled in contravention of regulation 10;
- (d) is labelled in contravention of regulation 11; or
- (e) is advertised in contravention of regulation 12.

(3) A person must not sell bottled natural mineral water—

- (a) which contains—
 - (i) parasites or pathogenic micro-organisms;
 - (ii) *Escherichia coli* or other coliforms and faecal streptococci in any 250ml sample examined;
 - (iii) sporulated sulphite-reducing anaerobes in any 50ml sample examined; or
 - (iv) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in any 250 ml sample examined;
- (b) where the total colony count of the water at the source from which that water was taken does not comply with paragraph 7 of Schedule 4;
- (c) where the revivable total colony count of that water is in excess of that which would result from the normal increase in the bacterial count which it had at source; or
- (d) where that water contains any organoleptic defect.

(4) A person must not sell natural mineral water from the same spring under more than one trade description.