
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 211

The Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

PART 3

Monitoring

Sampling and analysis

- 12.**—(1) When the Department monitors a private supply it must take a sample—
- (a) from a tap normally used to provide water for human consumption and which, if there is more than one tap, is representative of the water supplied to the land;
 - (b) if the water is supplied for food production purposes, at the point at which it is used for those purposes; or
 - (c) if the water is supplied from a tanker, at the point at which it emerges from the tanker.
- (2) The Department must ensure that any sample taken is analysed.
- (3) The Department may enter into an arrangement for any person—
- (a) to take and/or analyse samples on its behalf; and
 - (b) to report its findings to the Department as soon as they are available and to report any breach of these Regulations to it immediately.
- (4) The Department may provide for any such person to be reimbursed.
- (5) The Department must not enter into an arrangement under paragraph (3) unless it is satisfied that the task will be carried out promptly by a person who is competent to perform it.
- (6) Samples taken in accordance with this regulation must be taken at regular intervals so as to be representative of the quality of the water consumed throughout the year.
- (7) The further provisions for sampling and analysis in Schedule 4 apply.