
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations aim to protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that the water meets water quality standards.

These Regulations amend the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2014⁽¹⁾ (“the 2014 Regulations”) pursuant to the further implementation of—

- Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption⁽²⁾ including, in particular, the amendments made by Commission Directive (EU) 2015/1787 amending Annexes II and III to Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption⁽³⁾; and
- Council Directive 2013/51/EURATOM laying down requirements for the protection of the health of the general public with regard to radioactive substances in water intended for human consumption⁽⁴⁾.

In particular, these Regulations amend the 2014 Regulations as follows—

- regulation 2 amends Part 1 (general);
- regulation 3 amends Part 3 (wholesomeness of public water supplies);
- regulation 4 amends Part 4 (monitoring of public water supplies);
- regulation 5 amends Part 8 (treatment, risk assessment and contamination from pipes);
- regulation 6 amends Part 14 (local authority functions: public water supplies);
- regulation 7 inserts a new schedule 1A (monitoring: minimum requirements);
- regulation 8 amends schedule 2 (monitoring);
- regulation 10 substitutes a new schedule 3 (methods of analysis);
- regulations 9 and 11 omit schedules 2A and 3A as these are no longer needed; and
- regulations 12 makes consequential revocations.

The 2014 Regulations as amended, except where they state otherwise, apply only in relation to—

- water introduced into, or supplied through or from, the public water supply system;
- water supplied by Scottish Water by any other means; and
- water supplied with the help of services provided by Scottish Water.

A business and regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations. A copy of this may be obtained from the Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ and online at www.legislation.gov.uk.

(1) S.S.I. 2014/364, as amended by S.S.I. 2015/100 and S.S.I. 2015/346.

(2) OJ L 330, 5.12.98, p.32, as amended by Corrigendum (OJ L 111, 20.4.2001, p.31), Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p.1), Regulation (EC) No 596/2009 (OJ L 188, 18.7.2009, p.14) and Commission Directive (EU) 2015/1787 (OJ L 260, 7.10.2015, p.6).

(3) OJ L 260, 7.10.2015, p.6.

(4) OJ L 296, 7.11.2013, p.12.