
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and
Bottled Drinking Water Regulations 1999**

Part II

Natural mineral water

Labelling of natural mineral water

- 10.**—(1) No person shall cause a natural mineral water to be marked or labelled with—
- (a) any sales description other than a sales description referred to in paragraph (2) below;
 - (b) a trade description which—
 - (i) includes the name of a locality, hamlet or place where the inclusion of that name is not in accordance with Article 8.1; or
 - (ii) is different from the name of the spring or the place of its exploitation other than in accordance with the requirements of Article 8.3;
 - (c) any designation, proprietary name, trade mark, brand name, illustration or other sign, whether emblematic or not, the use of which is forbidden by Article 9.1(a);
 - (d) any indication (other than those specified in sub-paragraphs (f) and (g) below) attributing to the natural mineral water properties relating to the prevention, treatment or cure of a human illness;
 - (e) any indication listed in column 1 of Annex III if a criterion appears in column 2 of that Annex opposite the indication and the natural mineral water does not meet that criterion;
 - (f) the indication “may be diuretic” or “may be laxative” unless the natural mineral water has been assessed as possessing the property attributed by the indication in accordance with physico-chemical analysis and pharmacological, physiological or clinical examination, as appropriate; or
 - (g) the indication “stimulates digestion” or “may facilitate the hepato-biliary functions” unless the natural mineral water has been assessed as possessing the property attributed by the indication in accordance with physico-chemical analysis and pharmacological, physiological and clinical examination.
- (2) The sales description of natural mineral water shall be—
- (a) in the case of a natural mineral water other than an effervescent natural mineral water, “natural mineral water”; and
 - (b) in the case of an effervescent natural mineral water, the description in sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of Section III of Annex I within which the water falls.
- (3) Natural mineral water shall be marked or labelled with—

- (a) where it has undergone the treatment of total or partial elimination of free carbon dioxide by exclusively physical methods, the indication “fully de-carbonated” or “partially de-carbonated” as appropriate; and
 - (b) the mandatory information referred to in paragraph (4) below.
- (4) The mandatory information for natural mineral waters is–
- (a) a statement of the analytical composition which statement shall indicate the characteristic constituents of the water; and
 - (b) the name of the place where the spring is exploited and the name of the spring.
- (5) No person shall sell any natural mineral water which–
- (a) is marked or labelled in contravention of paragraph (1) above;
 - (b) has undergone any of the treatments referred to in paragraph (3)(a) above unless it is marked or labelled with the appropriate indication in accordance with that paragraph;
 - (c) is not marked or labelled with the mandatory information referred to in paragraph (4) above; or
 - (d) is marked or labelled with a trade description which is different from the trade description with which any other natural mineral water from the same spring is marked or labelled.