

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations elaborate on the consultation requirements provided for in section 89 of the Water Industry Act 1991, where a Strategic Health Authority propose to enter into, vary, maintain or terminate arrangements with a water undertaker to increase the fluoride content of water supplied by the undertaker.

The Regulations provide for the Authority's proposal to be advertised within the area to which the arrangements relate, and set out the details to be included in any advertisement (regulation 3). They prescribe the circumstances in which consultation is required in respect of a proposal to vary or maintain fluoridation arrangements (regulation 4). They also specify the criteria by which the Authority are to determine whether, in the light of representations made to them, they should proceed with the proposal (regulation 5).

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations and a copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies of the Regulatory Impact Assessment are published on the Department of Health's website (www.dh.gov.uk) and can be obtained from Room 330, Department of Health, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG.