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## NI DWI Information Letter 02/10

**To: Board Level Contact of Northern Ireland Water Ltd, Asset Management Directorate**

### **Update Arrangements for the Application and Introduction of Substances and Products – Regulation 30 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

Dear George

#### **1. Purpose**

I refer to NI DWI Information Letter 02/09 sent to NI Water on 27 July 2009 regarding the publication of the Water Supply (Water Quality) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (the Amendment Regulations). Item 12 of this letter referred to the changes the Amendment Regulations made to the product approval process and said a further Information Letter would issue. This letter supersedes NI DWI Information Letter 03/08 sent to NI Water on 12 March 2008.

#### **2. Background**

The Drinking Water Inspectorate for England and Wales (DWI [E&W]) administers the process by which substances and products are included in the approved list of products for use in the drinking water industry in the UK. It publishes “the List” (List of Approved Products for use in Public Water Supply in the United Kingdom). Under regulation 30(12) of the Amendment Regulations, the Department of Regional Development (the “Department”, in effect, DWI [NI]) is required to issue a list of Approved Products at least once in each year.

#### **3. List of Approved Products**

It is not DWI (NI's) intention to formally publish a separate list. Instead, DWI (NI) will provide NI Water with the link to the current list which is updated several times during each year and therefore meets the necessary requirement. The link is given below:

[List of Approved Products - Current Issue](#)

#### 4. Clarification of Process

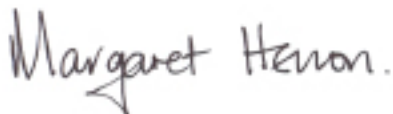
The process for applications submitted to DWI (E&W) is unchanged. If, however, a company applies to the Department or DWI (NI) for Product Approval, its application will be forwarded to DWI (E&W) who will carry out the approval process in the normal way. The approval will be granted or rejected:

- Approval granted:
  - (i) Approval letter from DWI (E&W) is sent to the applicant.
  - (ii) Receipt of signed acknowledgement from the applicant agreeing to the conditions of approval by DWI (E&W) and DWI (NI).
  - (iii) Completed Product Application Dossier, approval letter and covering letter are sent to the designated persons in the Department.
  - (iv) DWI (NI) issues an approval letter to the applicant.
  - (v) The product is “approved” and will appear in the next update of the “List of Approved Products”.
- Approval rejected:
  - (i) Refusal letter from DWI (E&W) outlining the reasons for refusal is sent to the applicant.
  - (ii) Completed Product Application Dossier, refusal letter and covering letter are sent to the Department.
  - (iii) DWI (NI) issues a refusal letter to the applicant.

#### 5. Enquiries

Any enquiries relating to this letter should be addressed to Margaret Herron (Tel: 028 9056 9294) or Colin Clements (Tel: 028 9056 9242).

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, by e-mail to: [DWI@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:DWI@doeni.gov.uk).



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