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

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — Recognition of natural mineral waters

##### Part I — *Natural mineral waters extracted from the ground in Great Britain*

1. A person seeking to have water which is extracted from...
2. The particulars to be given are— (a) the particulars in...
3. In so far as particulars of any of the anions,...
4. Where such particulars have been so given, the relevant authority...
5. The relevant authority shall, on recognising a natural mineral water...

##### Part II — *Natural mineral waters extracted from the ground in a country other than an EEA State*

1. A person seeking to have a water which is extracted...
2. The particulars to be given are— (a) the particulars in...
3. In so far as particulars of any of the anions,...
4. The Minister shall not recognise such a water unless the...
5. Recognition of such a water shall lapse after a period...
6. The Minister shall, on recognising a water in accordance with...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Particulars of anions, cations, non-ionised compounds and trace elements

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Requirements for spring water and drinking water including prescribed concentrations or values of parameters

##### Part I — *Requirements for spring water and drinking water*

1. Water satisfies the requirements of this Schedule if—
2. The concentrations or values of the parameters listed in Tables...

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#### SCHEDULE 4 — Revocations

Explanatory Note

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- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 2(c) words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 15
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 2(c) words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 15
- Sch. 1 Pt. 0I para. 2(c) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 15(1)
- Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 2(c) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 15(1)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 0I para. 2(c) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 15(1)
- Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 2(c) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 15(1)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 2(c) words inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 13(1)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 2(c) words inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 13(2)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 2(c) words omitted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 13(1)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 2(c) words omitted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 13(2)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 2(c) words substituted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 13(1)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 2(c) words substituted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 13(2)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 1 words substituted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 2(1)(2)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 4 words substituted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 2(1)(2)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 6 words substituted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 2(1)(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(c) words substituted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 13(1)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(c) words substituted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 13(2)
- Sch. 2 words substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 16
- Sch. 2 words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 16
- Sch. 2 words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 16
- Sch. 3 substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 17Sch.
- Sch. 3 Pt. 0I para. 1(b) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 17(b)
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table A substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 18
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table B substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 19
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table C substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 20
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table D substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 21
- Sch. 3 Pt. 0I para. 1(b) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 17(b)
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table A substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 18
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table B substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 19
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table C substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 20
- Sch. 3 Pt. II Table D substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 21
- Sch. 3 Pt. 1 para. 1(c) word substituted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 14
- Sch. 3 Pt. 0I para. 1(c) words deleted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 17(c)
- Sch. 3 Pt. 0I para. 1(c) words deleted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 17(c)
- Regulations revoked by S.S.I. 2007/435 reg. 23(1)
- Regulations revoked by S.S.I. 2007/483 reg. 23(1)
- Regulations revoked by S.I. 2007/2785 reg. 23
- Regulations revoked by S.I. 2007/3165 reg. 23
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2000/62 Sch. 8 Pt. 4 para. 1
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 3(a)(ii)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 3(a)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 1(a)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 3(a)(ii)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 3(a)(iv)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 3(1)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 3(2)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 3(a)(ii)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 3(a)(iv)

- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 3(1)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 3(2)
- reg. 2(1) words omitted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 1(b)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 3(a)(i)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 3(a)(iii)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 3(a)(i)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 3(a)(iii)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 3(a)(i)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 3(a)(iii)
- reg. 2(2) inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 2(2) substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 2(2) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 3(c) words substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 4
- reg. 3(c) words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 4
- reg. 3(c) words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 4
- reg. 4(1) words substituted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 3
- reg. 4(1)(d)(i) words substituted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 2(1)(2)
- reg. 4(2)-(4) words substituted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 2(1)(2)
- reg. 4(2)(a) word deleted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 5(a)(i)
- reg. 4(2)(a) word deleted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 5(a)(i)
- reg. 4(2)(b) word added by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 5(a)(ii)
- reg. 4(2)(b) word added by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 5(a)(ii)
- reg. 4(5) substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 5(b)
- reg. 4(5) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 5(b)
- reg. 4(5) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 5(b)
- reg. 4(6) words substituted by S.I. 2000/656 Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 2(1)(2)
- reg. 5 words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 6
- reg. 5 words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 6
- reg. 5 words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 6
- reg. 7(1)(a) substituted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 4
- reg. 7(1)(a) substituted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 4
- reg. 7(1)(a) substituted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 4
- reg. 10(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 7(a)
- reg. 10(1) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 7(a)
- reg. 10(1) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 7(a)
- reg. 10(3) substituted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 7
- reg. 10(3) substituted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 7
- reg. 10(3) substituted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 7
- reg. 10(3) words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 7(b)
- reg. 10(3) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 7(b)
- reg. 10(3) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 7(b)
- reg. 10(5) substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 7(c)
- reg. 10(5) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 7(c)
- reg. 10(5) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 7(c)
- reg. 10(5)(b) words inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 8(1)
- reg. 10(5)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 8(1)
- reg. 10(5)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 8(1)
- reg. 10(5)(c) word omitted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 10(5)(c) word omitted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 10(5)(c) word omitted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 11 substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 8
- reg. 11 substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 8
- reg. 11 substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 8
- reg. 11(1)(d) word omitted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 9
- reg. 11(1)(d) word omitted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 9
- reg. 11(1)(d) word omitted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 9
- reg. 11(1)(f) and word inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 9
- reg. 11(1)(f) and word inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 9

- reg. 11(1)(f) and word inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 9
- reg. 12 substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 9
- reg. 12(1) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 9(a)
- reg. 12(1) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 9(a)
- reg. 12(2) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 9(b)
- reg. 12(2) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 9(b)
- reg. 13(1) substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 10(a)
- reg. 13(1) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 10(a)
- reg. 13(1) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 10(a)
- reg. 13(2)(a)(i) word substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 10(b)
- reg. 13(2)(a)(i) words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 10(b)
- reg. 13(3) omitted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 10(c)
- reg. 13(3) words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 10(c)
- reg. 13(3) words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 10(c)
- reg. 14(1)-(3) words substituted by S.S.I. 2000/62 Sch. 8 Pt. 4 para. 2
- reg. 16 substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 11
- reg. 16 substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 11
- reg. 17 word inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 11(b)
- reg. 17 word inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 11(c)
- reg. 17 word inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 11(b)
- reg. 17 word inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 11(c)
- reg. 17 word inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 11(b)
- reg. 17 word inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 11(c)
- reg. 17 words inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 11(a)
- reg. 17 words inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 11(a)
- reg. 17 words inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 11(a)
- reg. 17 words substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 12
- reg. 17 words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 12
- reg. 17 words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 12
- reg. 18(1) revoked by S.S.I. 2005/616 Sch. 6
- reg. 18(1)(3) revoked by S.I. 2005/2626 Sch. 6 Pt. 1
- reg. 18(1)(3) revoked by S.I. 2005/3254 Sch. 6 Pt. 1
- reg. 18(1)(b) substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 13(a)
- reg. 18(1)(b) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 13(a)
- reg. 18(1)(b) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 13(a)
- reg. 18(2)(a) words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 13(b)
- reg. 18(2)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 13(b)
- reg. 18(2)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 13(b)
- reg. 18(3) revoked by S.S.I. 2005/616 Sch. 6
- reg. 18(3) words inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 13(c)
- reg. 18(3) words inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 13(c)
- reg. 18(3) words inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 13(c)
- reg. 19(3) words substituted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 14
- reg. 19(3) words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 14
- reg. 19(3) words substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 14

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act by S.S.I. 2000/62 reg.10(5) Sch.8. Pt.V

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 Pt. 0I para. 1(a)(aa) substituted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 17(a)
- Sch. 3 Pt. 0I para. 1(a)(aA) substituted for Sch. 3 Pt. 1 para. 1(a) by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 17(a)
- Sch. 5-7 added by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 14Sch.
- Sch. 5 added by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 14Sch.

- Sch. 5-7 inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 15Sch.
- Sch. 6 added by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 14Sch.
- Sch. 7 added by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 14Sch.
- reg. 2(5) added by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 3(c)
- reg. 2(5)(6) added by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 3(c)
- reg. 2(5)(6) added by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 3(c)
- reg. 4(a) word deleted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 5(a)(i)
- reg. 4(b) word inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 5(a)(ii)
- reg. 4(c) inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 5(a)(iii)
- reg. 4(2)(c) inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 5(a)(iii)
- reg. 4(2)(c) inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 5(a)(iii)
- reg. 4(7A) inserted by S.S.I. 2003/139 reg. 5(c)
- reg. 4(7A) inserted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 5(c)
- reg. 4(7A) inserted by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 5(c)
- reg. 7A inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 5
- reg. 7A inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 5
- reg. 7A inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 5
- reg. 9A inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 6
- reg. 9A inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 6
- reg. 9A inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 6
- reg. 10(5)(e) and word added by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 10(5)(e) and word added by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 10(5)(e) and word inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 11A inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 10
- reg. 11A inserted by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 10
- reg. 11A inserted by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 10
- reg. 12(3)(4) added by S.I. 2003/3042 reg. 9(c)
- reg. 12(3)(4) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 9(c)
- reg. 13(a)(i) words substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 10(b)
- reg. 16(1)(2) substituted by S.I. 2003/666 reg. 11
- reg. 18(4) added by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 12(1)
- reg. 18(4) added by S.I. 2004/1509 reg. 12(1)
- reg. 18(4) inserted by S.S.I. 2004/132 reg. 12(1)
- reg. 18(5) added by S.I. 2004/656 reg. 12(2)
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