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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000**

**PART IV**

**MONITORING OF WATER SUPPLIES**

**Authorisation of supply points**

- 8.—**(1) The Secretary of State, being satisfied that analysis of samples taken from—
- (a) any blending point;
  - (b) the water leaving any service reservoir which receives water from a treatment works before its supply to any consumer; and
  - (c) the water leaving any treatment works,

will produce data in respect of the parameters specified as items 7, 8 and 9 to 25 in column (1) of Table 3 in Schedule 3 which are unlikely to differ in any material respect from the data that would be produced in respect of those parameters from analysis of samples obtained from sampling points, hereby authorises the use for the purposes of regulation 6 of samples in relation to those parameters taken for a water supply zone from a blending point, a service reservoir of that description or a treatment works.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of State may, in relation to any parameter other than a parameter referred to in paragraph (1), on the written application of a water undertaker, authorise the use for the purposes of regulation 6 of samples taken for a water supply zone otherwise than from a sampling point; and any such authorisation may extend to all samples in relation to that parameter or to such number or proportion of those samples as is specified in the authorisation.

(3) The Secretary of State shall not grant an authorisation under paragraph (2) unless he is satisfied that analysis of samples taken from a point other than a sampling point will produce data in respect of the parameter in question which are unlikely to differ in any material respect from the data that would be produced in respect of that parameter from analysis of samples obtained from sampling points.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the Secretary of State may at any time modify or revoke an authorisation under paragraph (2).

(5) Unless it appears to the Secretary of State that the immediate modification or revocation of an authorisation under paragraph (2) is required in the interests of public health, he shall not modify or revoke such an authorisation without giving to the water undertaker to which the authorisation relates at least six weeks' notice of his intention to modify or revoke.

(6) A water undertaker shall notify the Secretary of State as soon as it has reasonable grounds for believing that an analysis of samples taken for a water supply zone from a point other than a sampling point would produce data in respect of the parameter in question which would differ in a material respect from the data produced by an analysis of samples taken from any of the sampling points within that zone; and the Secretary of State shall thereupon, and without the need for prior notice to the water undertaker, revoke the authorisation.