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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 614**

**The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016**

**PART 8**

**Water treatment**

**Water treatment to minimise contamination from pipes**

**29.**—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where there is a risk (“the prescribed risk”) that water supplied by a relevant supplier would, for the reason mentioned in paragraph (3), after leaving the relevant supplier’s pipes—

- (a) contain a concentration of copper in excess of 2mg/litre, or
- (b) contain a concentration of lead in excess of 10µg/litre.

(2) Every water undertaker or combined licensee which introduces water into the supply system used by the relevant supplier must, subject to paragraph (4), treat the water in such a way as will, in its opinion, eliminate the prescribed risk or reduce it to a minimum.

(3) The reason referred to in paragraph (1) is the presence in the water of a concentration of copper or lead which is attributable to the fact that copper or lead is the major component of such a pipe as is mentioned in section 68(3) of the Act<sup>(1)</sup>, or its associated fittings.

- (4) Paragraph (1) does not require a water undertaker or combined licensee to treat water if—
- (a) the treatment is unlikely to achieve a significant reduction in the concentration of copper or lead, or
  - (b) treatment is not reasonably practicable.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Section 68(3) was amended by paragraph 18(5) of Schedule 8 to the Water Act 2003 (c.37).