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To: Board Level and Day to Day contacts of Water and Sewerage Companies and Water Companies in England and Wales

Dear Sir/Madam

List of approved products for use in public water supplies in the United Kingdom

Background

The list of products approved under Regulation 31(4)a of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000, is available on the Inspectorate's website. The list is updated at regular intervals and companies should always check the most up to date version to ensure they comply with the requirements of regulation 31.

Since April 2011, applications for approval have attracted fees, payable by the applicant, to reflect the administrative costs associated with processing applications. At the same time a new process was introduced whereby new approvals were granted with a time limit of five years so that in future, reviews of the approved products would be carried out at regular intervals. In addition a review, currently ongoing, was initiated of products that were already included on the list and where appropriate the approval has been renewed, with a five year limit.

The current review has resulted in a number of products being removed from the list. This has either been at the request of the applicant as they no longer supply the products, or it has not been possible to contact the original applicant as they may have ceased trading or have not been contactable or traceable.

On the Inspectorate's website there is a [summary](#) of all the products that have been called for re-approval, including an indication of their current status.

Action by companies

The products shown in Annex A of this letter have been taken off the list as a result of the review. Their continuing use, if any, by water companies, is still permitted under Regulation 31(4)a as their approvals have not been revoked. However, to better inform the list and the current status of the products, companies are requested to notify the Inspectorate if any of the products in Annex A are still being purchased by them. If this is the case, companies should provide the contact details of the suppliers of these products so that the Inspectorate can ensure that they become approval holders and fulfil their requirements under Regulation 31.

A response to this letter is requested by 31 January 2015. Please send responses to reg31.enquiries@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Where a response confirms the products are no longer being sold, the Inspectorate will seek to revoke the approvals giving six months' notice so water companies can use any remaining stock.

Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding this letter should be made to Kevin White on 0300 068 6400 or by email to kevin.white@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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