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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

Introduction

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.

Information Letter 5/2014 explained about the review of approved products and indicated those products which had been removed from the list. The letter explained that the review was ongoing. The purpose of this letter is to give an update of those products which have been removed from the list since November 2014.

A list of products removed¹ from the list between December 2014 and December 2015 is attached at Annex A.

Action by companies

The products in Annex A of this letter have been taken off the list as a result of the ongoing review. Their continuing use, if any, by water companies is still permitted under regulation 31(4)a as their approvals have not been revoked.

¹ Products have been removed either 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.

However, to better inform the list and the current status of these products, companies are requested to notify the Inspectorate if any of the products listed in Annex A are still being purchased by them. If this is the case, companies should provide us with the contact details of the suppliers so that the Inspectorate can ensure that they become approval holders and fulfil their requirements under regulation 31. Within this round of delisting several products have been delisted due to compliance with a relevant BSEN treatment chemical standard, therefore these chemicals can continue to be used under regulation 31 (3).

A response to this letter is requested by 29 May 2016. 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 that water companies can use any remaining stock.

Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding this letter should be made to Joanna Hunt on 0208 206 4434 or by email to Joanna.hunt@defra.gsi.gov.uk. This letter is being sent electronically to Board Level and Day to Day contacts. Please acknowledge receipt by email to dwi.enquiries@defra.gsi.gov.uk. Hard copies are not being sent but the letter may be freely copied.

Yours faithfully



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