

To: Interested Parties

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Dear Sir or Madam

**Review of the Guidance Note for the Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007**

It is nearly two years since the Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007<sup>1</sup> came into operation, and with this legislation recently being amended by the Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009<sup>2</sup>, it seems appropriate to review the Guidance Note for the original legislation<sup>3</sup>.

The Guidance Note is a non-statutory aide to understanding the legislation and is intended to help both producers and enforcers. To facilitate this review process and ensure that it addresses any issues of importance to stakeholders I would welcome your suggestions for further amendments, clarifications or additional topics to be covered in the guidance notes by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

Any suggestions received will be considered for incorporation into the revised Guidance Note, which will be circulated for full consultation in the New Year.

If you would like to discuss please contact me at:

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Yours faithfully



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**Footnotes**

1. The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007, S.R. No.420 ([http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2007/pdf/nisr\\_20070420\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2007/pdf/nisr_20070420_en.pdf))
2. The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, S.R. No.260 ([http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2009/pdf/nisr\\_20090260\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2009/pdf/nisr_20090260_en.pdf))
3. The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007; Guidance to the Legislation (<http://www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/enforcement/waterguideni07.pdf>)