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Materials and products in contact with drinking water

12th May 2016

To continue and intensify the exchange between
regulators and industry



Over the last two decades, as well as within the ongoing process of the evaluation of the Drinking Water Directive (98/83 EC) article 10, quality assurance of treatment equipment and materials has been a major concern and remains an unsolved legislative issue. Article 10 does require Member States to ensure the hygienic safety of materials and products in contact with drinking water and thus it is of very high relevance for consumers health protection. But its implementation on a supra-national level (all Member States) does also require common agreements on market aspects for the free trading of drinking water products within the EU. A real functioning legislative framework covering both requirements for a high standard of consumer health protection, and free movement of goods, does not exist so far.

Against the above background a group of European associations, representing drinking water suppliers, drinking water construction materials suppliers and drinking water product manufacturers in Europe, initiated a first conference in May 2015 to discuss potential solutions with national as well as EC regulators. It transpired that the need to find a common way forward is of very high priority for both authorities as well as market participants and it was agreed to have a more intense exchange between the stakeholders. Since that conference in May 2015, two such stakeholder roundtables took place, resulting in an increasing understanding of each other's requirements and views. In addition, a series of activities from both sides were initiated, aiming at more clearly defining problems and gaps. These clear definitions are essential to have ammunition for regulatory action at EC level.

There is no doubt that a solution could not be achieved within a limited time of one year, but the progress made so far can give hints to potential common ways forward.

This year's conference is aiming at presenting the new study launched by DG Environment on materials and products in contact with drinking water, the state of play of the 4 (5) MS Initiative as well as the industry initiatives.

The fee is for industry participants only. Regulators active on national or European level are invited to participate for free. Please indicate.

industry regulator

Registration Form

Name /Surname:

Company /Institution:

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Registration is open by May 4th 2016 · **Participants:** max. 420 · **Attendance Fee:** 290,00 €

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Cancellation policy: Cancellation policy is as follows: If a registration is cancelled by May 6th 2016 there is a cancellation fee of 50,00 €. After that date the attendance fee has to be paid completely. Change of persons can be done at every time. Attendees will get an invoice.

May 12th 2016

11:30 – 12:15 hours: **Welcome Brunch**

Moderation: David A. Kaner, Director British Water, Vice-President Aqua Europa

12:15 – 12:30 hours: **Keynote**
Materials and products in contact with drinking water have to be fit for "purpose" – a cross-cutting issue for EU-legislators, producers and water utilities of utmost importance
C. Castell-Exner, Vice-President, EurEau, Brussels

12:30 – 12:55 hours: **An European wide drinking water products consortium – aims, structure, strategy**
T. Frost, ICPCDW, United Kingdom

12:55 – 13:45 hours: **Certification of products for drinking applications in Europe – two independent projects aiming at quantifying Article 10 market impacts**

- German study, V. Meyer, FIGAWA, Germany
- Dutch study, J. Appelman / N. N., Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, The Netherlands

13:45 – 14:00 hours: **Discussion**

14:00 – 14:20 hours: **Coffee Break**

14:20 – 15:20 hours: **An introduction to the current project: Support to the Implementation and further development of the Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC): Study on Materials in Contact with Drinking Water**

- T. Biermann, EC DG Environment, Brussels
- I. Naismith, Consultant to EC DG Environment

15:20 – 15:40 hours: **The Portuguese way of implementing Art. 10 – sitting between the chairs**
L. Simas, Water Regulation Authority, Portugal

15:40 – 16:00 hours: **Update on the 4 (5) MS procedure**

- B. Mendel, Ministry of Health, Germany
- T. Rapp, Environment Protection Agency, Germany

16:00 – 16:45 hours: **The way forward – panel and auditorium discussion**

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