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## CIRCULAR

All Bottled / Packaged Drinking Water Importers / Declaring Agents

***(All declaring agents are requested to inform your consignees or importers of the contents of this circular)***

Dear Sir/Madam

### **REVISION TO IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF BOTTLED/PACKAGED DRINKING WATER (EXCLUDING MINERAL/SPRING WATER)**

We would like to inform you of changes in some of the test parameters stated in the health certificates/laboratory reports that importers are required to submit for the import of bottled / packaged drinking water.

2 The changes are as follows:

<b>Chemical Test Parameters</b>	<b>Current Limits</b>	<b>New Limits for bottled /packaged drinking water only</b>
Manganese	NA	Not more than 400ppb (or 0.4 ppm)
Mercury	Not more than 1ppb	Not more than 6ppb (or 0.006 ppm) for inorganic mercury
Nickel	Not more than 20ppb	Not more than 70ppb (or 0.07 ppm)
Chloroform	Not more than 200 ppb	Not more than 300 ppb (or 0.3 ppm)

3 Importers are required to submit health certificates/laboratory reports containing the changes in the test parameters with effect from **1 September 2010**. Details of the chemical and microbiological test parameters can be found in Annex A.

4 In addition, importers are reminded to submit a copy of the license of the factory where the bottled drinking water is being processed (one time submission only for new products). Please indicate your URN and name of your company on the documents and fax to AVA (QID) at Fax: 6221 5091/6221 2194.

5 Importers should ensure that the bottled / packaged drinking water complies with the labelling requirements, the labels are in English and the correct HS and product codes are declared during permit application.

6 Please contact Mr Mohd Kassim Baren at 6325 1221, if you require further clarification.

7 Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

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## Annex A

<b>Drinking water excluding mineral/spring water (e.g. RO water, distilled water)</b>	
<b>Chemical Parameters</b>	<b>Detection Limits</b>
<i>Antimony</i>	Not more than 0.005 ppm
<i>Arsenic</i>	Not more than 0.01 ppm
<i>Barium</i>	Not more than 0.7 ppm
<i>Boron</i>	Not more than 0.5 ppm
<i>Bromate</i>	Not more than 0.01 ppm
<i>Cadmium</i>	Not more than 0.003 ppm
<i>Chromium</i>	Not more than 0.05 ppm
<i>Copper</i>	Not more than 2 ppm
<i>Cyanide</i>	Not more than 0.07 ppm
<i>Fluoride</i>	Not more than 1.5 ppm
<i>Lead</i>	Not more than 0.01 ppm
<b><i>Manganese</i></b>	<b><i>Not more than 0.4 ppm</i></b>
<b><i>Mercury</i></b>	<b><i>Not more than 0.006 ppm of inorganic mercury</i></b>
<b><i>Nickel</i></b>	<b><i>Not more than 0.07 ppm</i></b>
<i>Nitrate</i>	Not more than 50 ppm
<i>Nitrite</i>	Not more than 3ppm
<i>Selenium</i>	Not more than 0.01 ppm
<i>Trihalomethane:</i>	
<i>Bromoform</i>	Not more than 100 ppb
<i>Dibromochloromethane</i>	Not more than 100 ppb
<i>Bromodichloromethane</i>	Not more than 60 ppb
<b><i>Chloroform</i></b>	<b><i>Not more than 300 ppb</i></b>
<i>Chloride</i>	Not more than 250 ppm
<b>Microbiological Parameters</b>	<b>Detection Limits</b>
<i>Total Colony count at 37 °C</i>	Not more than 100,000 per ml
<i>Total coliforms</i>	Not detectable per 100 ml
<i>Faecal coliforms</i>	Not detectable per 100 ml
<i>E.coli</i>	Not detectable per 100 ml
<i>Faecal streptococci</i>	Not detectable per 250 ml
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Not detectable per 250 ml
<i>Sporulate sulphite reducing anaerobe</i>	Not detectable per 50 ml