

# Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human consumption — Potassium tripolyphosphate

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- a) The various requirements in clause 4 are all expressed in terms of the dry product but the results of the determinations, by the methods specified in 5.2, are expressed as percentages of the product. There is no information on how the results are to be converted to a dry basis, nor is any method given for the determination of the solids content of a solution.
- b) The sentence at the beginning of clause 5 allows the use of methods other than those described. The UK view is that only the reference method for a particular determination should be used in cases of dispute.

## Additional information

Article 8 of the Council of the European Community Directive 80/778/EEC relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption requires Member States to ensure that substances used in the preparation of drinking water do not cause any contravention of the maximum admissible concentrations prescribed in annex 1 to the Directive.

This requirement is given effect in England and Wales by regulation 25 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989 (similar provisions apply in Scotland and Northern Ireland). Regulation 25 makes provision for attaching conditions of use to chemicals which are authorized for use in public water supplies.

Details of conditions of use are contained in the Secretary of State's List of Approved Products published by the Drinking Water Inspectorate, Room B153, Romney House, 43 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3PY.

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Tripolyphosphate de potassium

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