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Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human consumption — Sodium disulfite

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The United Kingdom did not support this standard at the CEN Enquiry stage and voted against its acceptance at the Formal Vote stage. The principal UK objections were as follows.

a) The limit on the sum of the contents of sodium sulfate and sodium chloride, quoted in **4.2**, is unnecessary and irrelevant.

b) No information has been provided on the preparation of test solutions or the calculation of results for the determinations of sulfate and chloride, in order to apply the methods referred to in **5.2.2** which are intended for the analysis of water.

c) The requirements for toxic substances in table 1 are expressed in milligrams per kilogram of the product whereas the results of the determinations described in **5.2.3** will be in micrograms per litre of test solution.

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, Floor 2/A1, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE.

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