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To each sanitary authority

European Communities (Drinking Water) (No. 2) Regulations 2007
(S.I. No. 278 of 2007).

A copy of the European Communities (Drinking Water) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 278 of 2007) is enclosed for your attention. The Regulations come into effect immediately, and replace and revoke the European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 106 of 2007).

The new Regulations replicate S.I. No. 106 of 2007 and also provide for indictable offences. The implementation date for reduction of the fluoride limit in artificially fluoridated supplies to 0.8 mg/l has also been deferred to 1 July 2007 to synchronise with related Regulations made by the Minister for Health and Children (Fluoridation of Water Supplies Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 42 of 2007).

A detailed circular on the implementation of the Regulations is being finalised in consultation with the Drinking Water Regulations Implementation Working Group, and will issue shortly.

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