

## Water UK Standards Board Strategy: Drinking Water Directive

### 1. Purpose of this document

This document has been developed by the Water UK Standards Board (WSB) in response to the impending changes to the Drinking Water Directive (DWD). The aim is to ensure that a seamless transition and adoption of any new requirements within the UK occurs by ensuring appropriate European (EN) and British (BS) standards – and, if necessary, Water Industry Standards (WIS) or Industry Guidance Notes (IGN) - are in place.

### 2. Key Standards

There are several BSI Mirror Committees, CEN Technical Committees (TC) and TC Working Groups (WG) whose scope and activities are influenced by the Drinking Water Directive. No WIS or IGN are involved. These include:

CEN/TC	UK Mirror Committee
CEN/TC 164 <i>Water Supply</i>	B/504 <i>Water Supply</i>
CEN/TC 164/WG3 <i>Effects of materials in contact with drinking water</i>	EH/6 <i>Effects of materials on water quality</i> And BS 6920 <i>Suitability of non-metallic products for use in contact with water intended for human consumption with regard to their effect on the quality of the water</i>
CEN/TC 164/WG9 <i>Drinking water treatment</i>	CII/59 <i>Chemicals and filtering media for water treatment</i>

The DWD is to implement EU wide requirements for materials in contact with drinking water. This means common standards and positive lists of materials that all EU countries will be obliged to accept. These are bound to reach the UK in products. The UK is still considering its approach to the DWD and which (if any) elements may be implemented.

### 3. Key Areas of Activity for the Standards Board

In order to support the Water Industry, the WSB will undertake the following activities:

Action	Detail	Owner	Completion Date
<b>Monitor and identify opportunities and threats</b>	Carry out an appraisal alongside Water UK's Clean Water Committee / Strategic Drinking Water Network to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review construction and treatment products and identify gaps.</li> <li>• Assess medium term plans for Regulation 31 testing capacities and options.</li> </ul>	Alan Brown	July 2022
<b>Monitor and identify opportunities and threats</b>	Work with Water Regs UK to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand new requirements around testing on consumer products and fittings.</li> <li>• Confirm interdependencies in relation to Point of Sale for water fittings</li> </ul>	Alan Brown	September 2022
<b>Horizon scan</b>	Identify standards gaps and escalate	Alan Brown	December 2022

#### **4. Outcomes and Further Action**

The above actions will be completed, and the plan revised once subsequent outputs are confirmed.