

NEW EUROPEAN UNION DIRECTIVE ON DRINKING WATER

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A proposal for a complete amendment to Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption was approved in February 2020. The new Directive came into force after all official procedures on 16 December 2020. Since the changes in the above-mentioned Directive are large and given to the focus of this extraordinary VTEI issue, only parts of the Directive directly related to microbiological indicators (*Escherichia coli*, intestinal enterococci *Clostridium perfringens*, total coliforms, colony counts, *Legionella* spp. and somatic coliphages) are presented in this paper, focusing on relevant news.