

Information note on Regulation 17



Regulation 17 (Authorisations of different standards)

Regulation 17 makes provision for any relevant person to apply to the local authority for an authorised departure – that is, to supply water of a different standard on a temporary basis while longer term remedial action is taken as part of an agreed and timed programme of work.

The local authority may issue authorisations of different prescribed concentrations or values subject to the conditions specified in regulation 17(2). This includes that the only cause of the unwholesome water is that a parameter in Table B in part 1 of Schedule 1 is not complied with.

A local authority considering granting an authorised departure **should approach the Inspectorate for advice on the specific case under consideration.**