

**Act now – set hygienic requirements for all materials in contact with drinking water**

**Statement of the 4-MS-Initiative (F, NL, UK, D)**

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# 4-MS-Initiative

<http://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/topics/water/drinking-water/distributing-drinking-water/approval-harmonization-4ms-initiative>



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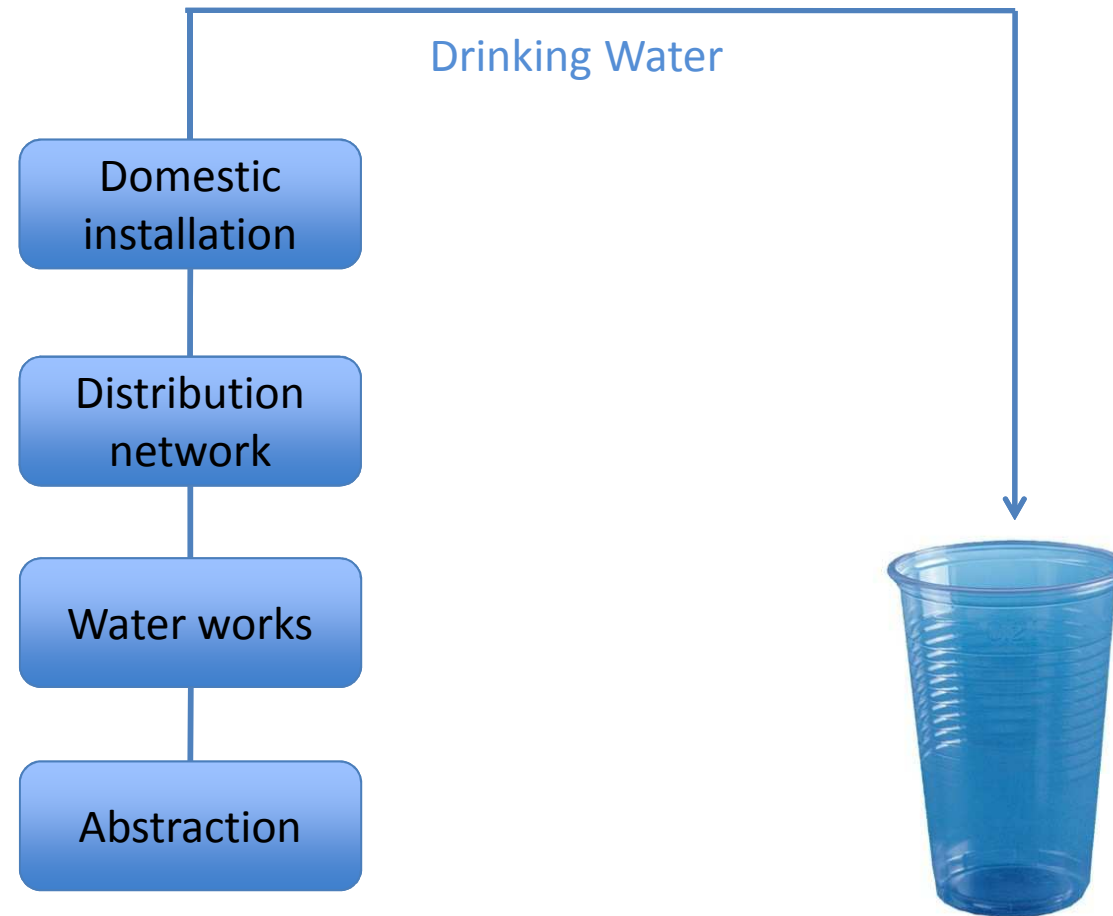
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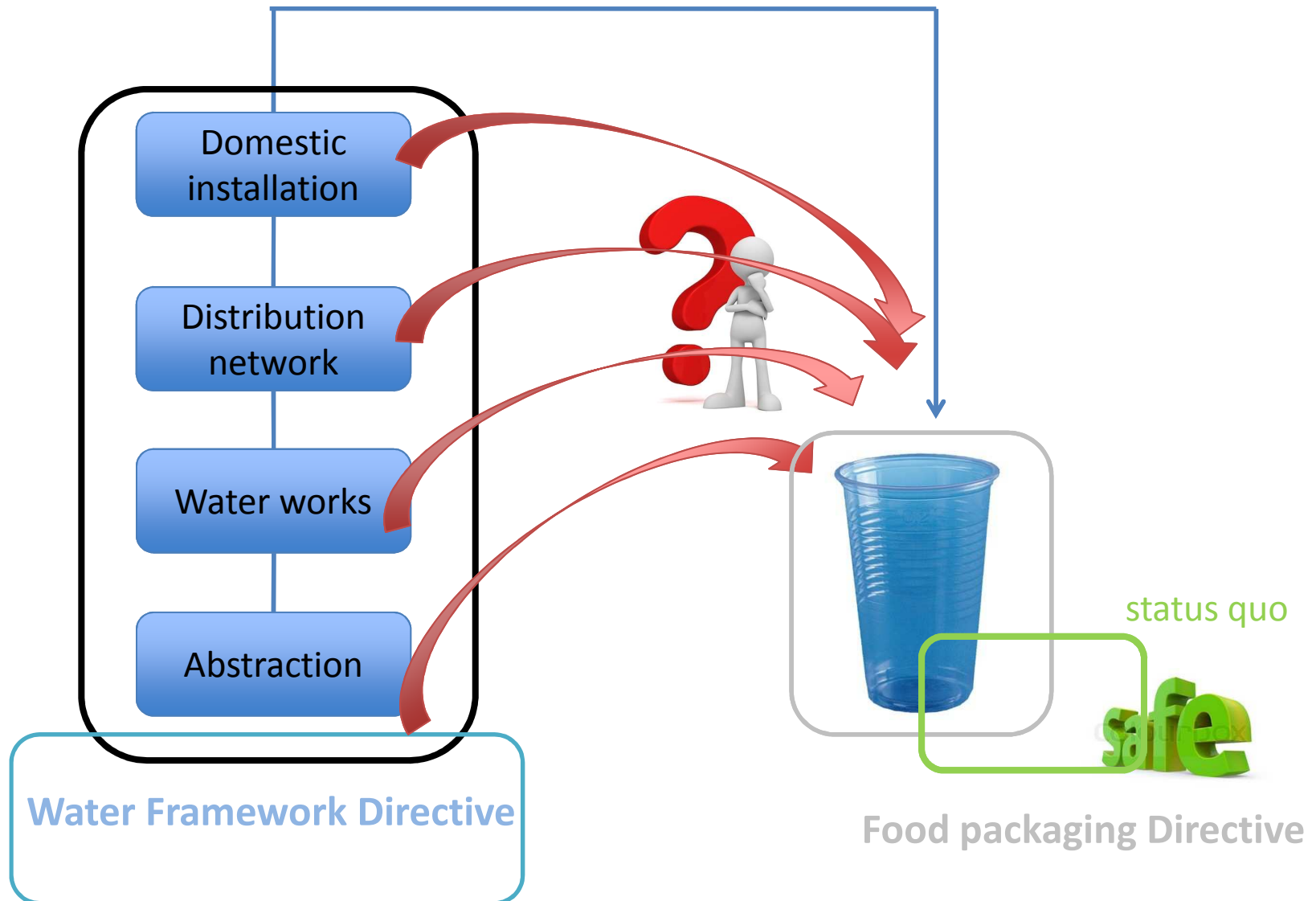
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# Goal: Consumer protection

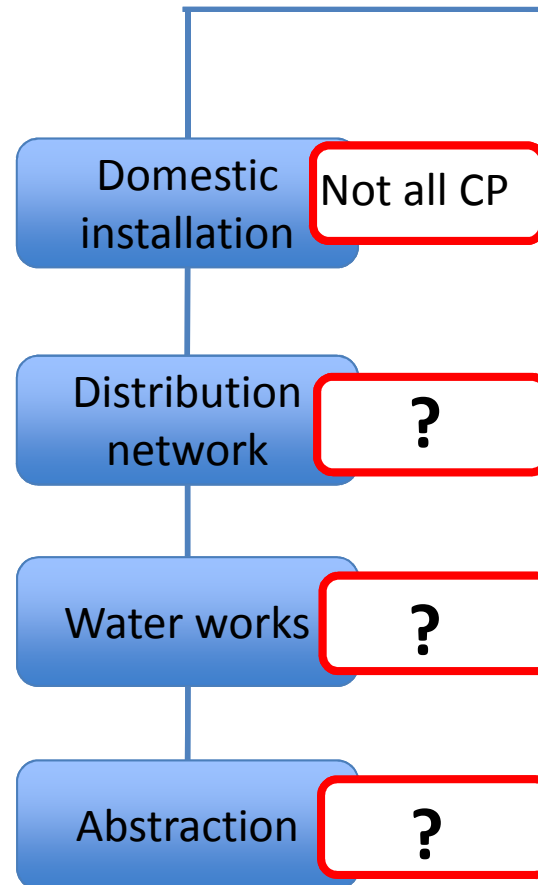


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# Materials and Drinking Water Directive Revision



# Materials and products in contact with DW, which products are construction products?

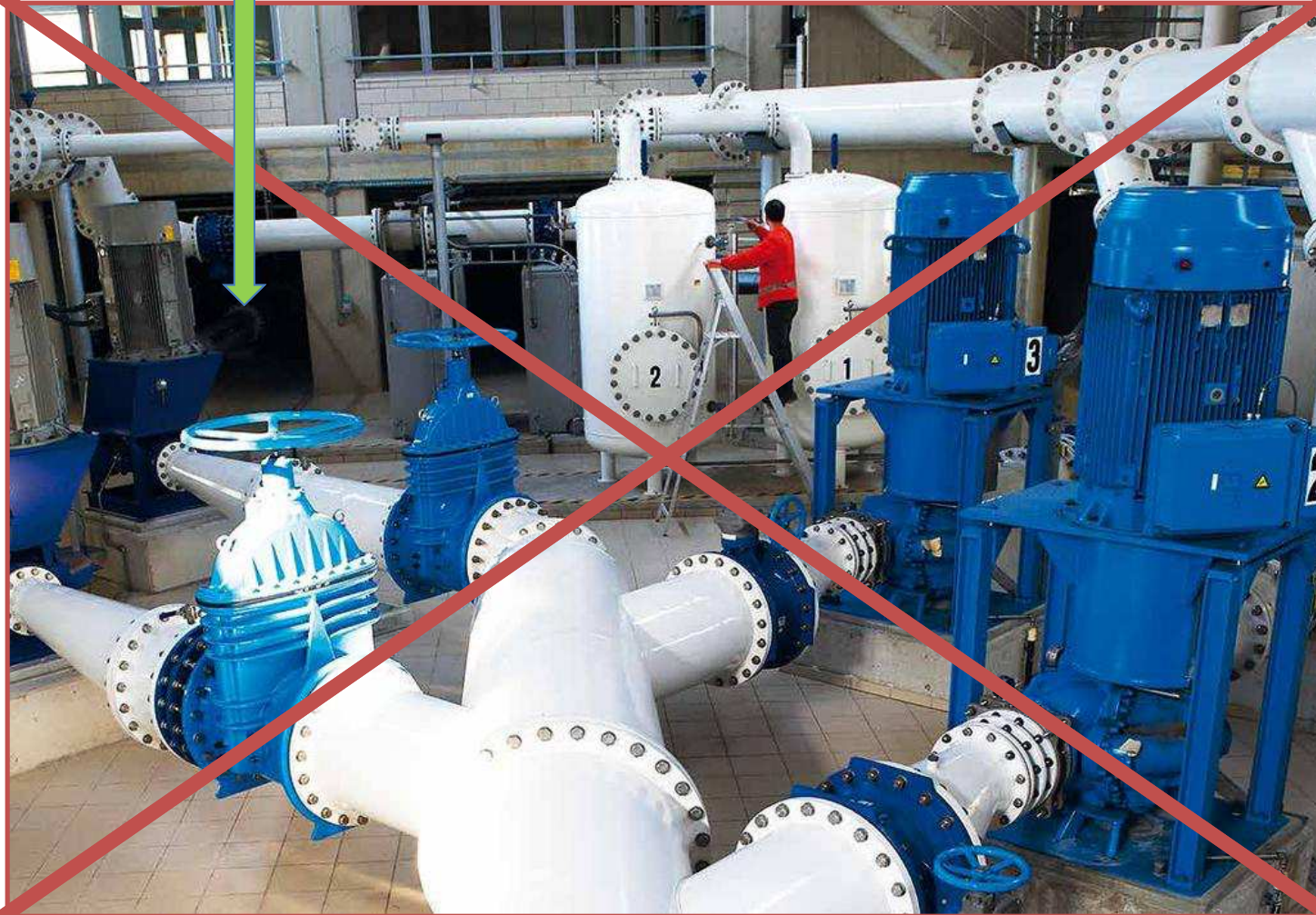


Food packaging Directive



! Tap in washroom is CP

Probably no CP in contact  
with DW



WATER WORKS



## ? Proposal by COM shifting the materials' requirements to CPR ?

- Not harmonizing health requirements by horizontal regulation
- Does not guarantee equitable consumer protection for EU citizens
- Not all products covered
- Time scale unclear
- Involvement and arbitrament of regulators unclear
- Grade of commitment unclear
- Intransparent for users: different quality of products on the market
- Inefficient: single mandates compared to one horizontal regulation
- Regulatory decisions on consumer protection levels possibly on lowest level (made by technical committees and/or delegated acts)
- Please note: Technical standards and their development process are not meant to serve the needs of regulation
- Aim CPR: focus on internal market by harmonisation of testing and market related requirements for information on CP

NEED:    1)    horizontal harmonized regulation of health requirements AND  
              2)    supporting harmonized test methods and product standards to test  
                     conformity of products to the health requirements



## DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE

- harmonised hygienic requirements for **all** materials
- harmonised evaluation schemes

**ACT NOW**

e.g. Art. 10a or comparable legal instrument needed

### 4-MS-Initiative:

Comprehensive results ready to use for drafting requirements

supporting



CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT REGULATION,  
GAS APPLIANCES REGULATION  
LOW VOLTAGE DIRECTIVE etc. yet to come

- harmonised EN test methods to be used
- standardisation for products in the scope e.g. of the CPR could be finished after 20 years of unfruitful attempts

**Product Standards**

**Which?  
When?  
At all?**







## **Outcome of the 4-MS-Initiative could be used as basis for drafting horizontal requirements**

- **Common approach Metallic materials**
- **Common approach Organic materials**
- **Common approach Cementitious materials**
- **Common approach Enamels and ceramics** (almost completed)
- **Common approach Minor and assembled products** (almost completed)

**[Including Positive list and composition list]**



**Thank you for your attention and willingness to think about the right instrument.**