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
Goal: Consumer protection

Drinking Water

- Abstraction
- Water works
- Distribution network
- Domestic installation
Materials and Drinking Water Directive Revision

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Water Framework Directive

Food packaging Directive

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

- Domestic installation: Not all CP
- Distribution network: ?
- Water works: ?
- Abstraction: ?

Food packaging Directive
Tap in washroom is CP

Probably no CP in contact with DW
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
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DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE

- harmonised hygienic requirements for all materials
- harmonised evaluation schemes

4-MS-Initiative:
Comprehensive results ready to use for drafting requirements

ACT NOW

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

Product Standards

Which? When? At all?

Supporting

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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.