

Transitional arrangements for hygienic assessment of elastomers in contact with drinking water

The KTW Working Group recommends applying the following transitional arrangements for the hygienic assessment of elastomers in contact with drinking water:

1. The Elastomer Guideline is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2012. A delay could arise on account of the required prior notification procedure.
2. From 1 January 2012, elastomer products can no longer be tested on the basis of KTW Recommendation 1.3.13.
3. All old test certificates issued on the basis of KTW Recommendation 1.3.13 will finally expire on 31 December 2016.
4. Test certificates issued on the basis of KTW Recommendation 1.3.13 and the agreed transitional solution may, with retroactive effect to 31 December 2011, be prolonged until 31 December 2016 (given compliance with the prerequisites for prolongation).
5. Starting from 1 September 2011, testing can be conducted on the basis of the draft Elastomer Guideline as published by the Federal Environment Agency on its website (<http://www.umweltbundesamt.de/wasser/themen/trinkwasser/verteilung.html>).
6. If at least the requirements of KTW Recommendation 1.3.13 are met in a test conducted by 31 December 2011 according to the draft Elastomer Guideline, the test laboratory may issue a test certificate according to KTW Recommendation 1.3.13 up to the time the Elastomer Guideline is published.
7. If the requirements of the draft Elastomer Guideline are met in testing, a test report according to the draft Elastomer Guideline will be drawn up. After entry into force of the Elastomer Guideline, the test laboratory may issue a new test certificate on the basis of this test report without further testing, whereby the certificate issued beforehand according to KTW Recommendation 1.3.13 expires.