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Press Release on the European Parliament Plenary Vote on the Recast of the Drinking Water Directive

Brussels, 23 October 2018 - The European Drinking Water Industrial Alliance (EDW) welcomes the European Parliament's decision to harmonise hygienic rules for materials and products in contact with drinking water¹ under the Drinking Water Directive.

"The European Parliament has sent a strong signal that the same high hygienic standards should apply to all materials and products in contact with drinking water all across the EU" said Volker Meyer, Chairman of the EDW.

Until now several EU Member States have developed their own rules on materials and products in contact with drinking water, resulting in potentially different levels of human health protection and market fragmentation. As a result, producers need to assess and test the conformity of the same material or product multiple times, resulting in unnecessary costs. Not only does this situation make more difficult for companies – especially Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) – to export their products to other EU countries, but it also hampers innovation.

"The European Parliament position will help overcome current fragmentation. It is an important step towards the development of a harmonised legislative framework on drinking water applications. This is good for public health, competitiveness and innovation: all EU consumers will enjoy the same high level of human health protection and EU companies will be able to reap the advantages of the single market", stated Volker Meyer, Chairman of the EDW.

The EDW calls on all EU institutions to reach an agreement on the harmonisation of materials and products in contact with drinking water.

¹ Pipes, pumps, water meters, water heaters, hoses, valves, gaskets, seals, water filtration systems, domestic appliances, taps, etc.

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Industry



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Europe



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Water Meters and Heat
Meters Manufacturers



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Bathroom Manufacturers
Association



Branchehuset



British Water



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Industry



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Silicones Europe



CESA
Catering Equipment
Suppliers Association



DKI
Copper Alliance



EADIPS
European Association for
Ductile Iron Pipe Systems



EFCEM
European Federation of
Catering Equipment
Manufacturers



EHI
European Heating Industry



ELISANA
European Light Stabilisers
and Antioxidants



ESA
European Sealing
Association



ETRMA
European Tyre & Rubber
Manufacturers' Association



Europump
The European Pump
Manufacturers Association



EVA
European Vending
Association



EWTA
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Treatment Association

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SOIA
Synthetic Organic Ion
Exchangers and
Adsorbents



TEPPFA
The European Plastic
Pipes and Fittings
Association



VDDW
Association of German
water- and heat meters
industry



VRH
Association for Piping
Systems Inside Buildings



WQA
Water Quality Association



ZVEI
German Electrical and
Electronic Manufacturers'
Association

About us

The European Drinking Water (EDW) is an alliance of currently 30 European trade associations representing industries involved with the supply of products or materials that are used in drinking water applications and connected to municipal drinking water supplies within the European Union (EU). This ranges, from raw materials suppliers to producers of pumps, water meters, pipes, valves, taps, fittings, water treatment, water heaters, catering equipment industry, seals, etc. and all types of materials, such as elastomers, metals, plastics, etc. The alliance is open to any industry association relevant to drinking water contact applications.

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