

## HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

### 12. Chemical fact sheets

#### 12.1 Chemical contaminants in drinking-water

##### **Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate**

##### ***History of guideline development***

The 1958, 1963 and 1971 WHO *International Standards for Drinking-water* and the first edition of the *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*, published in 1984, did not refer to DEHA. The 1993 Guidelines proposed a health-based guideline value of 0.08 mg/l for DEHA in drinking-water. In the third edition of the Guidelines, published in 2004, it was concluded that because DEHA occurs at concentrations well below those at which toxic effects are observed, it was not necessary to derive a formal health-based guideline value for DEHA. This assessment was brought forward to the fourth edition of the Guidelines, published in 2011.