

## HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

### 12. Chemical fact sheets

#### 12.1 Chemical contaminants in drinking-water

##### **Mecoprop**

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

The 1958 and 1963 WHO *International Standards for Drinking-water* did not refer to chlorophenoxy herbicides, including mecoprop, but the 1971 *International Standards* suggested that pesticide residues that may occur in community water supplies make only a minimal contribution to the total daily intake of pesticides for the population served. Mecoprop was not evaluated in the first edition of the *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*, published in 1984, but the 1993 *Guidelines* established a health-based guideline value of 0.01 mg/l for mecoprop. This guideline value was brought forward to the third edition of the *Guidelines*, published in 2004, and the fourth edition of the *Guidelines*, published in 2011.