

HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

12. Chemical fact sheets

12.1 *Chemical contaminants in drinking-water*

Monochloroacetic acid

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 monochloroacetic acid. The 1993 Guidelines did not establish a guideline value for monochloroacetic acid, as available toxicity data were considered insufficient. The third edition of the Guidelines, published in 2004, established a guideline value of 0.02 mg/l for monochloroacetic acid in drinking-water. This guideline value was brought forward to the fourth edition of the Guidelines, published in 2011.