ANNEX 3

Chemical summary tables

Table A3.1 Chemicals excluded from guideline value derivation

Chemical	Reason for exclusion
Amitraz	Degrades rapidly in the environment and is not expected to occur at measurable concentrations in drinking-water supplies
Chlorobenzilate	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Chlorothalonil	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Cypermethrin	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Deltamethrin	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Diazinon	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Dinoseb	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Ethylene thiourea	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Fenamiphos	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Formothion	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Hexachlorocyclohexanes (mixed isomers)	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
MCPB[a]	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Methamidophos	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Methomyl	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Mirex	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Monocrotophos	Has been withdrawn from use in many countries and is unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Oxamyl	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Phorate	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Propoxur	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Pyridate	Not persistent and only rarely found in drinking-water
Quintozene	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Toxaphene	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Triazophos	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Tributyltin oxide	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water
Trichlorfon	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water

[a] 4-(4-chloro-o-tolyloxy)butyric acid.

Table A3.2 Chemicals for which guideline values have not been established

Chemical	Reason for not establishing a guideline value
Aluminium	A health-based value of 0.9 mg/l could be derived, but this value exceeds practicable levels based on optimization of the coagulation process in drinking-water plants using aluminium-based coagulants: 0.1 mg/l or less in large water treatment facilities and 0.2 mg/l or less in small facilities
Ammonia	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Asbestos	No consistent evidence that ingested asbestos is hazardous to health
Bentazone	Occurs in drinking-water or drinking-water sources at concentrations well below those of health concern
Beryllium	Rarely found in drinking-water at concentrations of health concern
Bromide	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Bromochloroacetate	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Bromochloroacetonitrile	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti)	Not considered appropriate to set guideline values for pesticides used for vector control in drinking-water
Carbaryl	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Chloral hydrate	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Chloride	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-watera
Chlorine dioxide	Reduced primarily to chlorite, chlorate and chloride in drinking-water, and to chlorite and chloride upon ingestion; the provisional guideline values for chlorite and chlorate are protective for potential toxicity from chlorine dioxide
Chloroacetones	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline values for any of the chloroacetones
2-Chlorophenol	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Chloropicrin	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Cyanide	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern, except in emergency situations following a spill to a water source
Cyanogen chloride	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Dialkyltins	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline values for any of the dialkyltins
Dibromoacetate	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value

Table A3.2 (continued)

Chemical	Reason for not establishing a guideline value
Dichloramine	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
1,1-Dichloroethane	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
1,1-Dichloroethene	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
2,4-Dichlorophenol	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
1,3-Dichloropropane	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Dichlorvos	Occurs in drinking-water or drinking-water sources at concentrations well below those of health concern
Dicofol	Unlikely to occur in drinking-water or drinking-water sources[b]
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Diflubenzuron	Not considered appropriate to set guideline values for pesticides used for vector control in drinking-water
Diquat	Occurs in drinking-water or drinking-water sources at concentrations well below those of health concern
Endosulfan	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Fenitrothion	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Fluoranthene	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Formaldehyde	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Glyphosate and AMPA[c]	Occur in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Hardness	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-water[a]
Heptachlor and heptachlor epoxide	Occur in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Hexachlorobenzene	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Hydrogen sulfide	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-water[a]
Inorganic tin	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Iodine	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value, and lifetime exposure to iodine through water disinfection is unlikely
Iron	Not of health concern at levels causing acceptability problems in drinking-water[a]

Table A3.2 (continued)

Chemical	Reason for not establishing a guideline value
Malathion	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern

Table A3.2 (continued)

Chemical	Reason for not establishing a guideline value
Manganese	Not of health concern at levels normally causing acceptability problems in drinking-water. However, there are circumstances where manganese can remain in solution at higher concentrations in some acidic or anaerobic waters, particularly groundwater.
MCPA[d]	Occurs in drinking-water or drinking-water sources at concentrations well below those of health concern
Methoprene	Not considered appropriate to set guideline values for pesticides used for vector control in drinking-water
Methyl parathion	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Methyl *tertiary*-butyl ether (MTBE)	Any guideline that would be derived would be significantly higher than concentrations at which MTBE would be detected by odour
Molybdenum	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Monobromoacetate	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Monochlorobenzene	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern, and health-based value would far exceed lowest reported taste and odour threshold
MX	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Nitrobenzene	Rarely found in drinking-water at concentrations of health concern
Novaluron	Not considered appropriate to set guideline values for pesticides used for vector control in drinking-water
Parathion	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Permethrin	Not recommended for direct addition to drinking-water as part of WHO's policy to exclude the use of any pyrethroids for larviciding of mosquito vectors of human disease
Petroleum products	Taste and odour will in most cases be detectable at concentrations below those of health concern, particularly with short-term exposure
pH	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-water[e]
2-Phenylphenol and its sodium salt	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Pirimiphos-methyl	Not recommended for direct application to drinking-water unless no other effective and safe treatments are available
Potassium	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Propanil	Readily transformed into metabolites that are more toxic; a guideline value for the parent compound is considered inappropriate, and there are inadequate data to enable the derivation of guideline values for the metabolites
Pyriproxyfen	Not considered appropriate to set guideline values for pesticides used for vector control in drinking-water

Table A3.2 (continued)

Chemical	Reason for not establishing a guideline value
Silver	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Sodium	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-water[a]

Table A3.2 (continued)

Chemical	Reason for not establishing a guideline value
Spinosad	Not considered appropriate to set guideline values for pesticides used for vector control in drinking-water
Sulfate	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-water[a]
Temephos	Not considered appropriate to set guideline values for pesticides used for vector control in drinking-water
Total dissolved solids	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-water[a]
Trichloramine	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Trichloroacetonitrile	Available data inadequate to permit derivation of health-based guideline value
Trichlorobenzenes (total)	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern, and health-based value would exceed lowest reported odour threshold
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Occurs in drinking-water at concentrations well below those of health concern
Zinc	Not of health concern at levels found in drinking-water[a]

[a] May affect acceptability of drinking-water (see chapter 10).
[b] Although dicofol does not fulfil one of the three criteria for evaluation in the Guidelines, a background document has been prepared and a health-based value has been established, in response to a request from Member States for guidance.
[c] Aminomethylphosphonic acid.
[d] (2-Methyl-4-chlorophenoxy)acetic acid.
[e] An important operational water quality parameter.

Table A3.3 Guideline values for chemicals that are of health significance in drinking-water

	Guideline value		
Chemical	**mg/l**	**µg/l**	**Remarks**
Acrylamide	0.0005[a]	0.5[a]	
Alachlor	0.02[a]	20[a]	
Aldicarb	0.01	10	Applies to aldicarb sulfoxide and aldicarb sulfone
Aldrin and dieldrin	0.000 03	0.03	For combined aldrin plus dieldrin
Antimony	0.02	20	
Arsenic	0.01 (A, T)	10 (A, T)	
Atrazine and its chloro-*s*-triazine metabolites	0.1	100	
Barium	1.3	1 300	
Benzene	0.01[a]	10[a]	
Benzo[*a*]pyrene	0.0007[a]	0.7[a]	
Boron	2.4	2 400	
Bromate	0.01[a] (A, T)	10[a] (A, T)	
Bromodichloromethane	0.06[a]	60[a]	
Bromoform	0.1	100	

Table A3.3 (continued)

Chemical	Guideline value		Remarks
	mg/l	µg/l	
Cadmium	0.003	3	
Carbofuran	0.007	7	
Carbon tetrachloride	0.004	4	

Table A3.3 (continued)

Chemical	Guideline value		Remarks
	mg/l	µg/l	
Chlorate	0.7 (D)	700 (D)	
Chlordane	0.0002	0.2	
Chlorine	5 (C)	5 000 (C)	For effective disinfection, there should be a residual concentration of free chlorine of ≥ 0.5 mg/l after at least 30 min contact time at pH < 8.0. A chlorine residual should be maintained throughout the distribution system. At the point of delivery, the minimum residual concentration of free chlorine should be 0.2 mg/l.
Chlorite	0.7 (D)	700 (D)	
Chloroform	0.3	300	
Chlorotoluron	0.03	30	
Chlorpyrifos	0.03	30	
Chromium	0.05 (P)	50 (P)	For total chromium
Copper	2	2 000	Staining of laundry and sanitary ware may occur below guideline value
Cyanazine	0.0006	0.6	
2,4-D[b]	0.03	30	Applies to free acid
2,4-DB[c]	0.09	90	
DDT[d] and metabolites	0.001	1	
Dibromoacetonitrile	0.07	70	
Dibromochloromethane	0.1	100	
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane	0.001[a]	1[a]	
1,2-Dibromoethane	0.0004[a] (P)	0.4[a] (P)	
Dichloroacetate	0.05[a] (D)	50[a] (D)	
Dichloroacetonitrile	0.02 (P)	20 (P)	
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	1 (C)	1 000 (C)	
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	0.3 (C)	300 (C)	
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.03a	30[a]	
1,2-Dichloroethene	0.05	50	
Dichloromethane	0.02	20	
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.04 (P)	40 (P)	
1,3-Dichloropropene	0.02[a]	20[a]	
Dichlorprop	0.1	100	
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	0.008	8	
Dimethoate	0.006	6	
1,4-Dioxane	0.05[a]	50[a]	Derived using tolerable daily intake approach as well as linearized multistage modelling

Table A3.3 (continued)

Chemical	Guideline value mg/l	Guideline value µg/l	Remarks
Edetic acid	0.6	600	Applies to the free acid
Endrin	0.0006	0.6	
Epichlorohydrin	0.0004 (P)	0.4 (P)	
Ethylbenzene	0.3 (C)	300 (C)	
Fenoprop	0.009	9	
Fluoride	1.5	1 500	Volume of water consumed and intake from other sources should be considered when setting national standards
Hexachlorobutadiene	0.0006	0.6	
Hydroxyatrazine	0.2	200	Atrazine metabolite
Isoproturon	0.009	9	
Lead	0.01 (A, T)	10 (A, T)	
Lindane	0.002	2	
Mecoprop	0.01	10	
Mercury	0.006	6	For inorganic mercury
Methoxychlor	0.02	20	
Metolachlor	0.01	10	
Microcystin-LR	0.001 (P)	1 (P)	For total microcystin-LR (free plus cell-bound)
Molinate	0.006	6	
Monochloramine	3	3 000	
Monochloroacetate	0.02	20	
Nickel	0.07	70	
Nitrate (as NO_3^-)	50	50 000	Based on short-term effects, but protective for long-term effects
Nitrilotriacetic acid	0.2	200	
Nitrite (as NO_2^-)	3	3 000	Based on short-term effects, but protective for long-term effects
N-Nitrosodimethylamine	0.0001	0.1	
Pendimethalin	0.02	20	
Pentachlorophenol	0.009[a] (P)	9[a] (P)	
Perchlorate	0.07	70	
Selenium	0.04 (P)	40 (P)	
Simazine	0.002	2	
Sodium dichloroisocyanurate	50	50 000	As sodium dichloroisocyanurate
	40	40 000	As cyanuric acid
Styrene	0.02 (C)	20 (C)	
2,4,5-T[e]	0.009	9	
Terbuthylazine	0.007	7	

Table A3.3 (continued)

Chemical	Guideline value		Remarks
	mg/l	µg/l	
Tetrachloroethene	0.04	40	

Table A3.3 (continued)

Chemical	Guideline value		Remarks
	mg/l	µg/l	
Toluene	0.7 (C)	700 (C)	
Trichloroacetate	0.2	200	
Trichloroethene	0.02 (P)	20 (P)	
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	0.2[a] (C)	200[a] (C)	
Trifluralin	0.02	20	
Trihalomethanes			The sum of the ratio of the concentration of each to its respective guideline value should not exceed 1
Uranium	0.03 (P)	30 (P)	Only chemical aspects of uranium addressed
Vinyl chloride	0.0003[a]	0.3[a]	
Xylenes	0.5 (C)	500 (C)	

A, provisional guideline value because calculated guideline value is below the achievable quantification level; C, concentrations of the substance at or below the health-based guideline value may affect the appearance, taste or odour of the water, leading to consumer complaints; D, provisional guideline value because effective disinfection may result in the guideline value being exceeded; P, provisional guideline value because of uncertainties in the health database; T, provisional guideline value because calculated guideline value is below the level that can be achieved through practical treatment methods, source protection, etc.

[a] For substances that are considered to be carcinogenic, the guideline value is the concentration in drinking-water associated with an upper-bound excess lifetime cancer risk of 10^{-5} (one additional case of cancer per 100 000 of the population ingesting drinking-water containing the substance at the guideline value for 70 years). Concentrations associated with upper-bound estimated excess lifetime cancer risks of 10^{-4} and 10^{-6} can be calculated by multiplying and dividing, respectively, the guideline value by 10.

[b] 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid.

[c] 2,4-Dichlorophenoxybutyric acid.

[d] Dichlorodiphenyltrichlorethane.

[e] 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid.