Quality of water intended for human consumption. Drinking Water Directive

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In its re-examined proposal following Parliament's second reading, the Commission has incorporated a few of the amendments. In general, the Commission has not incorporated those it considered unworkable or which would have made implementation of the directive excessively onerous. It has, however, incorporated the amendments which clarified the text, removed doubts or improved the transparency of the text. These are in particular the amendments concerning: - the concentration in water of chemical products which disrupt the human endocrine system, - provision for further measures with regard to lead pipes following a report by the Member States on this subject, - contamination of drinking water by disinfection by-products, - preparation of a report on areas with high THM concentrations, - addition of an (unquantified) radioactivity parameter in the annex. All the other amendments (16 in all) were not incorporated either because they were irrelevant (in particular: derogations, lowering the THM parameter to 80 g/l., 10 year period for complying with the lead standard etc., were rejected) or were rendered redundant by the rest of the proposal.