

# The Safety and Health at Work Act 2005

## The Workplace (Drinking Water) Regulations 2007

The Minister in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 107 of the Safety and Health at Work Act 2005 makes the following regulations:

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| Citation                                    | 1. | These regulations may be cited as the Workplace (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2007.  |
| Application                                 | 2. | These regulations apply to all premises that are workplaces within the meaning of the Safety and Health at Work Act.   |
| Means of supply                             | 3. | The supply of drinking water to which section 57 of the Act refers shall be provided from a public water supply system either:<br><br>(a) through taps or drinking jets connected directly or through coolers, to the public water supply system; or<br><br>(b) by means of vessels fitted with taps and close fitting lids and placed on raised stands or platforms.  |
| Drinking water supplied by means of vessels | 4. | (1) Where drinking water is supplied by means of vessels in accordance with paragraph (b) of regulation 3, all practicable steps shall be taken to preserve the water and the vessels from contamination.<br><br>(2) The drinking water provided in the vessels referred to under paragraph (1) shall be changed daily.<br><br>(3) No vessels for the supply of drinking water shall be permitted where the water can only be taken from the vessels manually and not by means of a tap (or other similar device). |
| Utensils                                    | 5. | No common drinking cup nor common utensil shall be permitted; and employers shall, where necessary, supply single-use cups in a sanitary container located near to the taps or vessels.  |
| Location of facilities                      | 6. | No drinking water facilities shall be located within rooms in which sanitary conveniences are located.   |

Arrangements for  
drainage

7. At every location where drinking water is provided suitable arrangements for drainage of water that has been spilt, shall be made by the employer.
8. Drinking water shall be provided by the employer on every floor where work is regularly performed by employees.

Made by the Minister this      day of      2007.