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To: Day to Day contacts of Water and Sewerage Companies and Water Companies in England and Wales

Dear Sir/Madam

DWI Approval of Enterolert-DW® Quanti-Tray® method for the determination of Enterococci in drinking waters.

This letter is to inform water companies and their analytical contractors that the Inspectorate is content the Enterolert-DW® Quanti-Tray® method, produced by Idexx Laboratories Inc., has met the requirements for approval.

Therefore the Inspectorate authorises the use of Enterolert-DW® Quanti-Tray® method as an alternative to the methods prescribed by regulations¹ subject to the following condition:

- Water companies and their analytical contractors within England and Wales may use the Enterolert-DW® Quanti-Tray® method for private and public water compliance testing once they have established equivalence by way of validation according to Part 3 of the Microbiology of Drinking Water series (Practices and procedures for laboratories)

This letter should not be taken as an endorsement of Enterolert-DW® Quanti-Tray® method by DWI, and does not change the approval status or suitability of any other previously approved method, which may still be used.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact Samantha Vince (Principal Inspector) or Shaun Jones (Inspector) (email: samantha.vince@defra.gsi.gov.uk or shaun.jones@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

Copies of this letter are being sent to: Day to Day contacts; Clive Thomson, Secretary to DWI-Laboratories Liaison Group; Dr Simon Cole, Chairman of SCA Working Group 2 (Microbiological Methods) David Westwood Consultant

¹ In accordance with Regulation 16(7) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 (England) amendment; 16(7) the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2010 (Wales) (on behalf of Welsh Ministers) and Regulation 3(1) (SCHEDULE 3 Sampling and Analysis PART 1) of the Private Water Supplies Regulations 2009 (England).

to SCA; Drinking Water Quality Regulator Scotland (SEERAD); Drinking Water Inspectorate for Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S Vince".

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Principal Inspector (Operations)