



EUROPEAN DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE (EU) 2020/2184

The lowering of the lead parametric value has an impact on the use of lead-containing copper materials

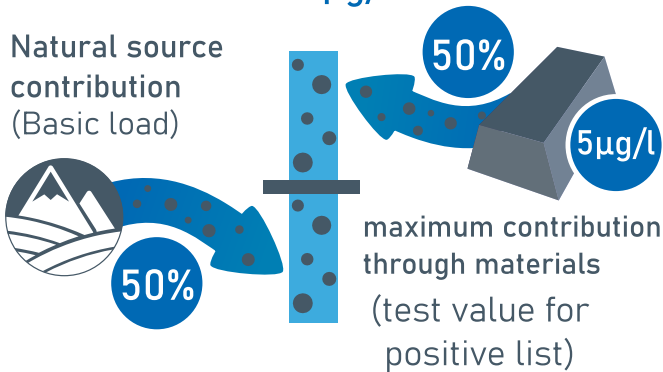
Summary of the current state of knowledge (April 2022)

Today's national regulations



Drinking water limit value
10 µg/l

Natural source contribution
(Basic load)



National positive list

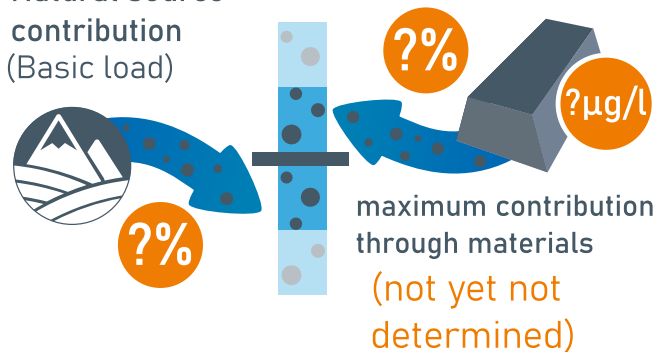
Binding Requirements have been implemented years ago in several member states

Future European regulation



Reducing the limit value by half
5 µg/l

Natural source contribution
(Basic load)



European positive list

Already now it is clear:

The future regulations will have an impact on currently approved materials, as their use will most likely be restricted.

Currently it is still unclear:

When do the new requirements become mandatory?

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Which materials can still be used in the future?

Only when the EU Commission publishes the first drafts of the legal acts that will specify and supplement the requirements of the EU Drinking Water Directive will it be possible to assess the effects of the lowered lead limit on the use of copper materials in more detail.



Affected companies are urgently recommended to closely monitor further developments in order to be able to react as early as possible to possible changes in the choice of materials for their products.

figawa will keep its members informed and advised in this regard.

