

Water Supply Standards Committee



WSSC - Water Supply Standards Committee Annual Report 2010

SCOPE

- To advise the NSAI with regard to Irish Standards and Codes of Practice concerning all aspects of drinking water supply (excluding bottled water) and to make recommendations as required.
- To develop such documents, or propose amendments to existing Standards / Codes of practice as necessary and in so doing to ensure that interested parties are consulted.
- To monitor the activities of relevant CEN (European Committee for Standardisation) and ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) Technical Committees and to provide NSAI with commentary and advise on voting on proposed European Standards (EN) and International Standards (ISO).
- To develop National Forewords/National Annexes to relevant European Standards as deemed necessary.
- To put forward national representation to relevant European and International standardisation Technical Committees/Working Groups, where required.

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1. Introduction

The Water Supply Standards Committee is a voluntary committee and is primarily the NSAI's mirror committee to the CEN Technical Committee 164, 'Water Supply'. CEN TC 164 is involved in developing EN's in areas dealing with all the drinking water supply chain, from systems to accessories, including chemical products, and addressing both public installations and inside building equipments. The Water Supply Standards Committee membership represents a wide range of interests within the Water Supply sector in Ireland and a number of members represent Ireland at CEN TC 164 plenary and Working Groups meetings.

2. Membership

Membership of the WSSC – Water Supply Standards Committee
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Peter O' Reilly	Fingal County Council Chairman
Oliver Fogarty	Dept of Environment and Local Government
Edward Storey	Chemifloc
Des Bartley	DCC Central Laboratory
Peter Deevy	Soft Water Centre Ltd/IPWA
Aidan Delaney	CCMA/ North Tipperary County Council
Kevin Sheridan	FAS
Colm Brady	NFGWS
Leo Sweeney	EPA
Tom Rooney	Kingspan
John Kealy	Plumber on Duty
Shirley Gallagher	Syspro
Therese Clarke	NSAI Technical Secretary

3. Highlights of the Year – 2010

The WSSC agreed that a guidance document for users was required for I.S. EN 1717. This Irish standard deals with protection against pollution of the potable water in drinking water installations and the general requirements of devices to prevent pollution by backflow. The guidance, in the form of a National Annex to I.S. EN 1717 was drafted in 2010, ready for public consultation in the first quarter of 2011 and subsequent publication.

4. Committee Meetings

WSSC Meetings held in 2010:

- 11th May 2010
- 19th October 2010

5. International Participation

CEN TC 164 has a number of active Working Groups.

WG 1	External systems and components
WG 2	Internal systems and components
WG 3	Effects of materials in contact with drinking water
WG 5	Concrete pipes
WG 8	Sanitary tapware
WG 9	Drinking water treatment
WG 10	Hot water and cold water storage within dwellings
WG 12	Flexible hoses assemblies
WG 13	Water conditioning equipment inside buildings
WG 14	Valves and fittings for buildings and devices to prevent pollution by backflow
WG 15	Security of Drinking Water

During 2010 Ireland was represented at the following CEN TC 164 meetings by members of the WSSC.

CEN TC 164 Plenary
CEN TC 164 WG 2
CEN TC 164 WG 13
CEN TC 164 WG 15