

Did you know?

Fast Facts About Packaged Water

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Bottled water is treated as a foodstuff and as such needs to be handled and treated according to certain standards in order to avoid contamination and other health hazards

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The Certificate of Acceptability must be placed in a conspicuous position on the premises where water is packaged so that as many people as possible can see it

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The Certificate of Acceptability, that is needed when packaging water is not transferrable and from time to time, may be reviewed and further restrictions imposed

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A local authority may issue a directive for a place that packages water to be closed following recommendations of an inspector if the facility fails to meet health standards

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Food and water premises should be designed in such a manner that they promote hygiene and prevent contamination

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No person shall be allowed to handle food and water without wearing protective clothing, including head covering and footwear

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There are also strict regulations regarding the transporting of food and water and no person is allowed to transport food and water or related products in a vehicle which has not been cleaned to such an extent that chemical, physical and microbiological contamination is prevented

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All bottled water is legally referred to as 'packaged water'. This has been the case since May 2010, with the publication of the amendments to the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972

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Under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972, no person shall handle food and water or permit food and water to be handled on food and water premises where a certificate of acceptability has not been issued or is not in force

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Anyone wishing to handle food and water must apply for a certificate of acceptability from their local municipality

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Any place that handles food and water must be inspected before any certificate of acceptability is issued