

**Priority question for written answer P-004283/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Delayed health warning over aluminium in Ardfinnan drinking water

Between 9 September and 9 October 2026, aluminium results in the Ardfinnan public water supply (County Tipperary, Ireland) repeatedly exceeded the 200 µg/l parametric value under Directive (EU) 2020/2184¹, peaking at 2 373 µg/l on 4 October, above the World Health Organization health-based value of 900 µg/l. The utility states the Health Service Executive was consulted on all results, yet a ‘do not consume’ notice was only issued on 9 October. Irish regulations² require prompt consumer notification and restriction of supply where there is a potential danger to health.

1. Does the Commission consider a delay of around a month between the first exceedance and restriction of supply compatible with Article 14 of the directive?
2. How does the Commission assess whether an indicator parameter such as aluminium poses a potential danger to health, and are time frames for public warnings sufficiently clear in Ireland’s transposition?
3. Has Ireland informed the Commission of this incident, and will the Commission seek information from the Irish authorities?

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¹ Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast) (OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2020/2184/oj>).

² S.I. No. 99/2023, Regulations 15 and 17: <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2023/si/99/made/en/print>.