

C-9: Drinking water quality

Glossary and abbreviations

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Chemical quality of drinking water: WHO guideline values for drinking water are defined for the following substances: Arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, cyanide, fluoride, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nitrate, nitrite, uranium, aromatic hydrocarbons, chlorinated hydrocarbons.

Microbiological quality of drinking water: Should be expressed in terms of E. coli and Enterococci levels. Countries may report other microbiological quality criteria, particularly incidence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Abbreviations:

Aquastat:	FAO's global information system on water and agriculture
ECE:	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
EEA:	European Environment Agency
EU:	European Union
Eurostat:	European Union Statistical Office
FAO:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GLAAS:	Global analysis and assessment of sanitation and drinking-water
IRWS:	International Recommendations for Water Statistics
WHO:	World Health Organization
WSSD:	World Summit on Sustainable Development