

HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

12. Chemical fact sheets

12.1 Chemical contaminants in drinking-water

Cyanazine

History of guideline development

The 1958 and 1963 WHO *International Standards for Drinking-water* did not refer to cyanazine, but the 1971 International Standards suggested that pesticide residues that may occur in community water supplies make only a minimal contribution to the total daily intake of pesticides for the population served. In the first edition of the *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*, published in 1984, no guideline value for triazine herbicides, which include cyanazine, was recommended after a detailed evaluation of the compounds. Cyanazine was not evaluated in the second edition of the *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*, published in 1993. In the addendum to the second edition of these Guidelines, published in 1998, a health-based guideline value of 0.0006 mg/l was established for cyanazine in drinking-water. This guideline value was brought forward to the third edition of the Guidelines, published in 2004, and the fourth edition of the Guidelines, published in 2011.