

HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

12. Chemical fact sheets

12.1 *Chemical contaminants in drinking-water*

MX

History of guideline development

The 1958, 1963 and 1971 WHO *International Standards for Drinking-water* and the first edition of the *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*, published in 1984, did not refer to MX. The 1993 Guidelines concluded that available data were inadequate to permit a guideline value for MX to be established. The third edition of the Guidelines, published in 2004, concluded that the health-based value calculated for MX was significantly above the concentrations that would be found in drinking-water and that, in view of the analytical difficulties in measuring this compound at such low concentrations, it was unnecessary to propose a formal guideline value for MX in drinking-water.