

HISTORIES OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FOURTH EDITION

12. Chemical fact sheets

12.1 *Chemical contaminants in drinking-water*

Pirimiphos-methyl

History of guideline development

Pirimiphos-methyl was not considered in the WHO *International Standards for Drinking-water* or in the first or second editions of the WHO *Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality*. In the second addendum to the third edition, published in 2008, the risk assessment led to the conclusion that pirimiphos-methyl was not recommended for direct application to drinking-water unless no other effective and safe treatments were available. If pirimiphos-methyl was applied directly to drinking-water, consideration should be given to using alternative sources of water for bottle-fed infants and small children for a period after its application, where this was practical. This assessment was brought forward to the fourth edition of the Guidelines, published in 2011.