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Dear Ms Gallina,

After the end of the transition period, Directive 2009/54/EC no longer applies to the United Kingdom, with the exception of the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.

As you are aware, the UK Government legislated to roll over the recognition of all existing recognised EU natural mineral waters after the end of the Transition Period for a period of six months.

I am therefore serving you notice of cessation of accreditation of the established EU recognised natural mineral waters which will cease in England from January 7 2022, in accordance with *The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Water (England) Regulations 2007*, regulation 9A.

As a consequence, all natural mineral waters which obtained their recognition in or by an EU member state will no longer be authorised for import into England as natural mineral waters, unless they are recognised as such by a responsible authority of the United Kingdom with the exception of Northern Ireland.

Those producers affected by these measures will be able to apply for recognition from today. Further information can be found at our [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk)¹.

I would be grateful if you could communicate this information to all EUMS. I will also write separately to inform the Icelandic Food and Veterinary Authority and the Norwegian Food Safety Authority.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/recognised-natural-mineral-waters-in-the-uk>

