

**APPROVAL GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 31 (4)(a) OF THE WATER SUPPLY  
(WATER QUALITY) REGULATIONS 2000 NO. 3184 AND OF THE WATER  
SUPPLY (WATER QUALITY) REGULATIONS 2001 (WALES) NO. 3911**

**Aalco Stainless Steel Tubes**

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, as respects water undertakers and water supply licensees whose area is wholly or mainly in England, and the National Assembly for Wales as respects water undertakers and water supply licensees whose area is wholly or mainly in Wales, in exercise of their powers under regulation 31 (4) (a) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 and the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2001 (Wales) hereby give the following approval.

The use of Aalco Stainless Steel Tubes is hereby approved for application in the provision of water, which is to be supplied for drinking, washing, cooking or food production subject to the following conditions:-

**CONDITIONS**

(A) Water undertakers and water supply licensees shall be provided with a copy of The Instructions for Use for Aalco Stainless Steel Tubes, Issue no 2, dated: 18th April 2005 (The Instructions for Use) and the approved product is used only in accordance with those Instructions;

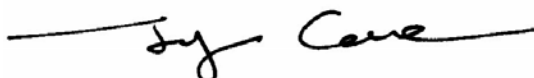
(B) The agreement of the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) shall be obtained in advance by the approval holder in respect of any change in –

- (i) the Instructions for Use
- (ii) the formulation of the approved product, including change in source or identity of raw materials
- (iii) the manufacturing process, including location of manufacture
- (iv) the designation of the approved product
- (v) the name or ownership of the organisation holding the approval.

(C) The producer shall ensure that the product is tested for conformity with its formulation, and the source or identity of its raw materials, at such intervals and by such persons, as may be determined by the Secretary of State. The results of such testing shall be sent to the Secretary of State.

(D) No claim of approval by the DWI is permitted.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales



17<sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Jeni Colbourne**  
**Chief Inspector of Drinking Water**  
Drinking Water Inspectorate,  
Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



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17<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Dear Mr Shepherd

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**Product: Aalco Stainless Steel Tubes; Ref DWI: 56.4.738**

1. The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the National Assembly for Wales (collectively referred to as “the Authorities”) have powers under Regulation 31 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations<sup>1</sup> to approve substances and products used in the provision of water which is to be supplied for drinking, washing, cooking or food production. The Authorities are advised on approval issues by the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI).
2. I am enclosing the Authorities’ approval for Aalco Stainless Steel Tubes (the approved product). This approval is given on the basis that DWI is satisfied that there is no objection on health grounds to the use of the approved product in the provision of public water supplies. The Committee does not assess fitness for purpose and approval by the Authorities can not be taken as a favourable assessment of the performance or technical merits of any product.
3. Please note that this approval relates only to product as notified to DWI in your application DWI 56.4.738. I draw your attention to conditions of approval in (A) (B) (C) and (D) relating to Instructions for Use, the need for approval of any changes relating to the

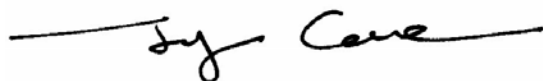
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<sup>1</sup> The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 apply to water companies whose area of supply is wholly or mainly in England  
The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2001 apply to water companies whose area of supply is wholly or mainly in Wales

Instructions for Use or the product itself, and audit requirement. Failure to comply with these or any other condition of approval will lead to revocation of approval.

4. This approval does not authorise you to use the Inspectorate's logo in advertisements or any other literature relating to the approved product. This approval is given by the Authorities and you must **not** refer to "Drinking Water Inspectorate approval". You may indicate that this product is "approved for use in public water supplies"
  
5. Enquiries about this letter should be addressed to Regulation 31 Enquiries at the above address. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter using the enclosed slip and envelope.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeni Colbourne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left and right.

Jeni Colbourne  
Chief Inspector of Drinking Water  
Drinking Water Inspectorate

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF APPROVAL LETTER**

**Ref: DWI 56.4.738**

Please return to: Regulation 31 Enquiries  
Drinking Water Inspectorate  
Room M03,  
55 Whitehall  
London, SW1A 2EY

**I acknowledge receipt of the approval letter dated Tuesday 17th April given under Regulation 31 (4)(a) for Aalco Stainless Steel Tubes.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## **WHAT CLAIMS CAN I MAKE ABOUT MY APPROVED PRODUCTS?**

### **1. INTRODUCTION.**

Approval holders frequently ask what claims can be made about the status of their approved product and/or can they use the DWI logo on their advertising literature.

### **2. WHO GIVES APPROVAL.**

Approval letters make it clear that approval is given by the Secretary of State. The Drinking Water Inspectorate advises the Secretary of State on approval issues.

**The Inspectorate does not approve products and approval holders shall not refer to “DWI approval” or use the DWI logo in advertising material.**

The Inspectorate is aware of a number of instances of misleading claims and unauthorised use of its logo. A number of approval holders have been asked to take immediate action to withdraw advertising material referring to DWI approval.

### **3. WHAT CAN APPROVAL HOLDERS CLAIM?**

Acceptable claims include “approved by the Secretary of State”, “approved under regulation 31 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000” [previously Regulation 25 of the 1989 Regulations], or “approved for use in public water supplies”. Approval holders may also refer to the inclusion of their product in the Secretary of State’s List of Approved Products. The full title of the List is “List of Approved Products and Processes”. Approval holders may also wish to refer to the location of the list on the Inspectorate’s website (<http://www.dwi.gov.uk/31/approvedproducts/soslist.shtm>).

### **4. APPROVAL UNDER REGULATION 31 OF THE WATER SUPPLY (WATER QUALITY) REGULATIONS 2000<sup>2</sup>**

Categories of products for which approval under Regulation 31 is given are –  
a. products considered and approved under Regulation 31(4)(a)

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<sup>2</sup> The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2001 (Wales), Regulation 27 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) (Scotland) and Regulation 30 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

b. products previously approved under Regulation 25(1)(a) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989 and listed in the December 2003 List of Approved Products and Processes and not subsequently removed from the list of approved products and processes.

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Acceptable claims for these products include –

- a. approved by the Secretary of State
- b. approved under Regulation 31 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000
- c. approved for use in public water supplies
- d. listed in the "List of Approved Products and Processes" published by the DWI

**NOTE** – you are reminded that you may **not** claim approval by the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) or use the DWI logo in any of your literature, press releases or other advertising copy.

## **5. APPROVAL LETTERS**

It is acceptable for you to photocopy and supply a copy of your approval letter in response to an enquiry from a prospective purchaser.

NOTE – DWI will not provide multiple copies of approval letters. Where prospective customers demand original documents in support of proposals, you should draw their attention to the DWI website and the list of approved products as verification of the approved status of your product.

If you have queries not covered by this information sheet, please contact the Regulation 31 Enquiries:

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