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Chemical quality of drinking water: WHO guideline values for drinking water are defined for the following substances: Arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, cyanide, fluoride, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nitrate, nitrite, uranium, aromatic hydrocarbons, chlorinated hydrocarbons.

Microbiological quality of drinking water: Should be expressed in terms of E. coli and Enterococci levels. Countries may report other microbiological quality criteria, particularly incidence of Pseudomonas aeruginosa.

Abbreviations:

Aquastat: FAO’s global information system on water and agriculture
ECE: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
EEA: European Environment Agency
EU: European Union
Eurostat: European Union Statistical Office
FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GLAAS: Global analysis and assessment of sanitation and drinking-water
IRWS: International Recommendations for Water Statistics
WHO: World Health Organization
WSSD: World Summit on Sustainable Development