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There are regulations relating to the avoidance of health risks associated with water based and airborne diseases such as Legionnaire’s Disease.

Exhibitors are not permitted to use open, flowing, sprayed or atomised water (for example in whirlpools, fountains, air humidifiers, stand-alone air conditioning units, high pressure cleaning systems etc) unless the following conditions are fulfilled:

* Exhibitors wishing to use water within the confines of the exhibition hall MUST obtain the supply from a portable water mains source.

**Water obtained from the fire hoses will set off the fire alarm system, is NOT portable and may not be used under any circumstances.**

* Water which is outside the Legionella risk category (ie colder than 20°C and hotter than 60°C) should, wherever possible, be changed daily and preferably more often. Is recommended that thermometers be used to demonstrate that the water is too hot or too cold to pose a health risk.
* Water that comes within the risk category (ie between 20°C and 60°C) may be used in whirlpools and fountains etc, provided that at least 0.3 milligrams of chlorine per litre of water has been added and that the water is changed at least twice a day, if not more. It is recommended that other disinfecting measures (eg ozone) be used as well.

Exhibitors are required to co-operate in all conceivable tests, samples or spot check inspections that may be carried out by the organisers and other official bodies.

**For further guidance see HSE Approved Code of Practice for the prevention and control of Legionellosis (including Legionnaire's Disease) (Rev) L8 HSE Books 1995 ISBN 0 7176 0732 1**

# WATER SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE

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| Exhibitor name |  | Stand number | |  | |
| Contact name |  |  | |  | |
| Position |  |  | |  | |
| Please list below the water features that you have on your stand | | | | | |
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| Are you aware of the implications of the Health & Safety Executive’s guidance document HSG (70)? | | | | YES/NO | |
| Have you prepared a written risk assessment for your water feature(s) under the provisions of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1992 and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1994? | | | | YES/NO | |
| Do you carry out any treatment of the water in your water features? | | | | YES/NO | |
| Please detail any treatment that you carry out (eg,: filtration, sanitising programme etc). | | | | | |
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| Do you have a constant supply of fresh water to the feature? | | | | YES/NO | |
| If you do not have a constant supply of fresh water to each feature, how often do you change the water, if at all? | Hourly | | Daily | | Other (Please specify) |

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