

Information for NIPH NIH-NRI Clients – Products Intended for Contact with Drinking Water

With reference to the information published on the website of the National Institute of Public Health NIH – National Research Institute (NIZP PZH-PIB): https://www.pzh.gov.pl/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Atestacja-informacja-dla-Klientow_okres-przejscowy_17.06.2025.pdf and in connection with the implementation of changes resulting from Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption, NIZP PZH-PIB hereby informs about the principles governing the operation of the hygienic attestation system in the forthcoming period.

Key information:

1. Pursuant to Article 11 of Directive (EU) 2020/2184, a transitional period is applicable from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2032. During this period, for the purposes of domestic markets of the Member States, previously issued national certificates, opinions or attestations (in the form applicable in a given country) will be accepted.
2. **In Poland, as of 1 January 2027, it will no longer be possible to obtain a hygienic certificate for new products intended for contact with drinking water.** Only extensions of validity of hygienic certificates issued earlier and valid as of 31 December 2026 will be possible. Such extensions may not extend beyond 31 December 2032. Detailed rules for the extension process during the transitional period will be communicated by NIPH NIH-NRI in subsequent announcements.
3. In view of the forthcoming regulatory changes, the Institute anticipates increased interest in the attestation process, which may result in a higher number of applications submitted in 2026 and, consequently, in longer processing times required for their assessment and for the issuance of hygienic certificates.
4. In order to ensure efficient implementation of hygienic assessments and to maintain continuity of document validity, we recommend submitting attestation applications without delay, in particular for products whose certificates have already expired or will expire in the coming months.
5. Taking into account the time required for a comprehensive assessment of documentation (including laboratory test results), it is recommended to submit applications well in advance. This will allow for timely processing and, where additional testing is required, for completion of the full hygienic assessment no later than the end of 2026.
6. NIPH NIH-NRI reserves the right to introduce changes to the Rules for Applying for Hygienic Certificates and Certificates of Health Quality, in particular with regard to assessment timelines, depending on the volume of incoming applications. In the event of a significant number of applications submitted at the end of 2026, some of them may not be processed before 1 January 2027. At the same time, we emphasize that, in accordance with the regulations referred to above, **the key requirement is to hold a valid hygienic attestation as of 31 December 2026, not the date of submission of the application.**
7. All up-to-date information regarding the principles and course of the attestation process will be published on the Institute's website: <https://www.pzh.gov.pl/uslugi/atestacja-attestation/>

The above actions form part of the Institute's responsible approach to the protection of public health, particularly in the area of safety of materials and products in contact with drinking water. At the same time, NIPH NIH-NRI makes every effort to enable its business partners to make maximum and effective use of the transitional period provided for by EU legislation, while maintaining high standards of hygienic assessment and transparent cooperation.