DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to section 227.112 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is hereby accepting comments on the proposed guidance document:

Hot and Cold Water Requirements at Sinks

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The comment period will run no fewer than 21 days after the publication of this document in the Administrative Register.

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The attached guidance document contains statements or interpretations of law under the following applicable provisions of federal law or the applicable state statutory or administrative code provisions: Wis. Stat. ch. 97 Subchapter III, Wis. Admin. Code, ch. 72.

CERTIFICATION
Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I have reviewed the attached guidance document or proposed guidance document and I certify that it complies with sections 227.10 and 227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is not explicitly required or explicitly permitted by a statute or a rule that has been lawfully promulgated. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is more restrictive than a standard, requirement, or threshold contained in the Wisconsin Statutes.

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Guidance Document Title: Hot and Cold Water Requirements at Sinks

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*This policy supersedes the Department of Health Services policy put forward on 10/23/2014*

**Hot and Cold Water Requirements at Sinks**

**Question**

What are the requirements for hot and cold water in all hotels, motels and tourist rooming houses?

**Background**

Chapter ATCP 72.10 (6)(c) requires hot and cold water under pressure be available at all sinks. This was also a requirement in Chapter H 95.04 (6), Register November, 1972.

Chapter ATCP 72.10 (4), states “All plumbing and fixtures shall meet the requirements contained in ch. SPS 382…” SPS 382.10(2)(c) states “Hot or tempered water shall be supplied to all plumbing fixtures that normally require hot or tempered water for proper use and function.”

Some existing lodging establishments have been permitted to operate with only cold water under pressure available at some sinks, such as kitchen sinks. Because these facilities have been permitted to operate in the past, it would be unreasonable to force the operator to install hot water at these sinks. The best solution then becomes the “phasing in” of this requirement for existing licensed establishments. This will be accomplished during a change of operator stage.

**Code interpretation**

All newly licensed establishments must provide hot and cold water under pressure at all sinks.

All licensed establishments must provide hot and cold water under pressure at all sinks and other washing facilities in all employee, public and guest toilet rooms.

Existing licensed establishments which do not have hot and cold water under pressure at a kitchen sink would be permitted to operate but must provide hot and cold water under pressure at all sinks at a change of operator. Every effort should be made to encourage the current operators to make this improvement now.