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Report Highlights:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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This amendment is issued to be aligned with the current Food (Bottled or Packaged Water) Regulations (2005) and to include microbiological test methods. The following changes are notified:

Page 7 Clause 5.4 Replace Column 7 in Table 3 as given below.

SI	Method of Test
(1)	(7)
i)	SLS 1461 Part 2 Section 1
ii)	SLS 1461 Part 1 Section 3
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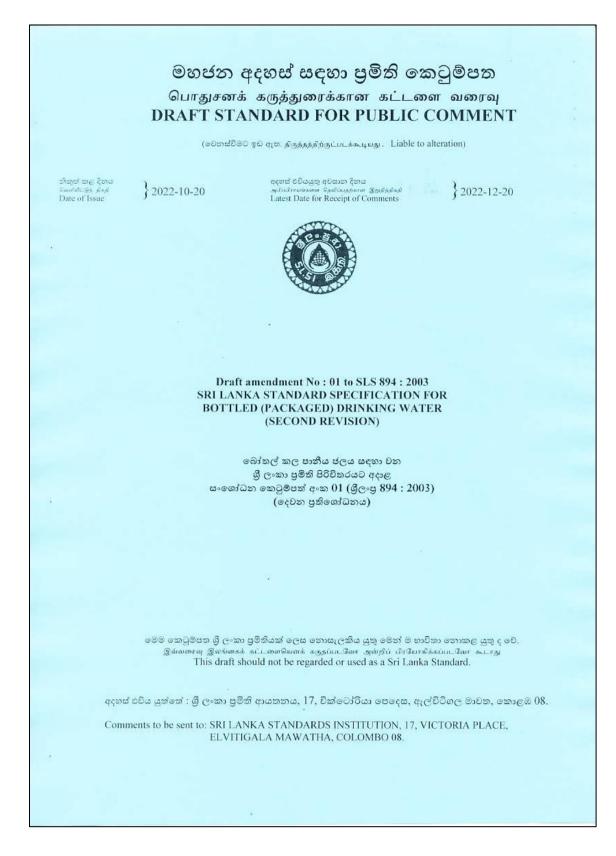
Replace the statement "The product shall be filled in clean colorless food grade containers understrict hygienic conditions and the bottles shall be sealed air-tight, with a suitable cap. The cap should be shrink wrapped with a security wrapper, to prevent possible adulteration, contamination, or unauthorized refilling of water" by the statement "The product shall be packaged under strict hygienic conditions in hermetically sealed clean food grade retail containers, which are suitable for preventing possible adulteration or contamination of water."

The full text of the proposed draft amendment is accessible on the Sri Lanka Standards Institution's website located at: <u>https://www.slsi.lk/images/Draft_Standards/2022-12/SLS-894-2003-AMD-for--drinking-water.pdf</u>.

Comments should be addressed to:

The Director General Sri Lanka Standards Institution 17, Victoria Place Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08

APPENDIX I: SRI LANKA STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR BOTTLED (PACKAGED) DRINKING WATER (SECOND REVISION)



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මෙම ශ් ලංකා පුමති කෙටුම්පත , ශ් ලංකා පුමති ආයතනය විසින් සකසන ලදුව, සියලුම උදොග්ගී අංශ වලට තාකාණික විවේචනය සඳහා යවනු ලැබේ.

අදාල අංග භාර කමිටු මාර්ගයෙන් ආයතනයේ මහා මණ්ඩල වෙත ඉදිවිපත් කිරීමට පෙර , ලැබෙන සියලුම විවේචන ශුී ලංකා පුමිනි ආයතනය විසින් සලකා බලා අවශා වෙතොත් කොටුම්පත සංශෝධනය කරනු ලැබෙ.

මෙම කෙටුම්පතට අදාල යෝජනා හා විවේචන නියමිත දිනට පෙර ලැබෙන්නට සැලැස්වුවහොත් අගය කොට සලකමු, තවද, මෙම කෙටුම්පත පිළිගත හැකි බැව හැගෙන අය ඒ බව දන්වන්නේ නම් එය ආයතනයට උපකාරි වනු ඇත.

මේ පිළිබඳව එවන සියලුම ලිපි පහත සඳහන් ලිපිනයට එවිය යුතුය.

ධෝකෂ ජනරාල් ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුමිති ආයතනය, 17, වික්ටෝරියා පෙදෙස, ඇල්ව්රිගල මාවත, කොළඹ 08.

Introduction

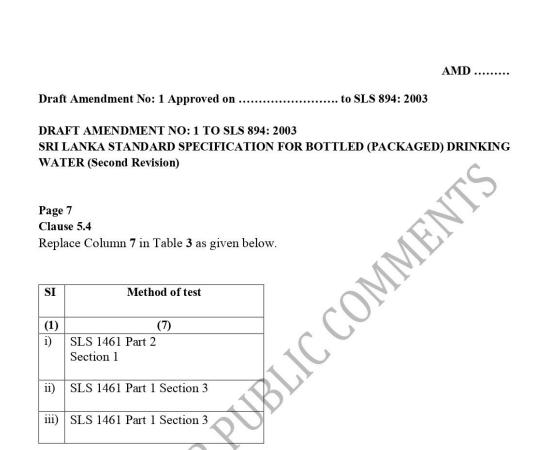
This Draft Sri Lanka Standard has been prepared by the Sri Lanka Standards Institution and is now being circulated for technical comments to all interested parties.

All comments received will be considered by the SLSI and the draft if necessary, before submission to the Council of the Institution through the relevant Divisional Committee for final approval.

The Institution would appreciate any views on this draft which should be sent before the specified date. It would also be helpful if those who find the draft generally acceptable could kindly notify us accordingly.

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Attachments:

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