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Based on Article 13 of the Regulation on the Selection of Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations in the Working Bodies of State Administration Authorities and the Conduct of Public Consultation in the Preparation of Laws and Strategies ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 41/18), the Ministry of Health has prepared

## REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED CONSULTATION WITH THE INTERESTED PUBLIC

In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation on the election of representatives of non-governmental organizations to the working bodies of state administration authorities and the conduct of public consultations in the preparation of laws and strategies, the Ministry of Health has issued a public call to the interested public (authorities, organizations, associations, individuals) to participate in the initial phase of preparing the Law on ensuring safe drinking water\*.

The interested public is invited to submit their initiatives, proposals, suggestions, and comments in written and electronic form to the Ministry of Health at the address: Rimski trg No. 46, Podgorica, as well as electronically via email: [mzdravlja@gov.me](mailto:mzdravlja@gov.me).

The consultations lasted 15 days, from the day the public call was published on the Ministry of Health's website and the e-Government Portal, that is, until January 30, 2026.

The official responsible for providing information on the public consultation procedure was Slavojka Šuković from the Directorate for Regulatory Affairs and Monitoring the Implementation of Regulations in the Field of Health Care.

"Water Supply and Sewerage" Ltd. Podgorica has submitted a proposal for regulating staffing conditions in laboratories for water quality testing, regarding the part of the Regulation that prescribes the obligation to employ permanent medical specialists (specialists in microbiology and specialists in sanitary chemistry). It was explained that laboratories, especially those operating within local waterworks, do not have realistic staffing or financial capabilities to ensure the permanent employment of the mentioned specialists, while at the same time, there is no interest from these professionals to be permanently employed in laboratories outside the healthcare system, primarily due to financial reasons and limited opportunities for professional development, which are necessary in the field of medicine.

The proposal is not accepted.

### Explanation:

The proposal relates to a matter that is the subject of a regulation adopted based on this law and cannot be accepted.

"Water Supply and Sewerage" LLC Podgorica also submitted a proposal regarding turbidity parameters. The proposal states that the maximum allowable concentrations (MAC) of the parameters should be defined by a separate regulation, as has been the practice so far. In that context, it is suggested that consideration be given to increasing the MAC values for the turbidity parameter, following the example of solutions already implemented in certain countries in the region, including the Republic of Croatia, which is an EU member.

The proposal is not accepted

Explanation:

The proposal concerns a special rulebook, which is not included in the Law.

Place and date of report preparation

Podgorica, 18.03.2026

Name of the organizational unit of the Ministry responsible for preparing the draft law

Directorate for Normative Affairs and Monitoring the Implementation of Regulations in the Field of Health Care