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## **Foreword**

This Mauritian Standard was drawn up by the Food and Agriculture Standards Committee through its Subcommittee on Natural Mineral Water and approved by the Standards Council on 06 May 2009. It was notified in the Government Gazette on 11 July 2009\*.

In preparing this standard, assistance has been derived from **Codex Stan 108-1981, Rev. 1-1997- Codex Standard for natural mineral waters.**

Acknowledgement is made for the use of information from the above publication.

\* General Notice No. 1514 of 2009

# SPECIFICATION FOR NATURAL MINERAL WATERS

## 1 Scope

This standard applies to all packaged natural mineral waters offered for sale as food. It does not apply to natural mineral waters sold or used for other purposes.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references only the edition cited applies. For undated references the latest document (including any amendments) applies.

**CAC/RCP 1-1969, Rev. 3-1997** *Recommended International Code of Practice – General Principles of Food Hygiene*

**CAC/RCP 33-1985** *Recommended International Code of Practice for the Collecting, Processing and Marketing of Natural Mineral Waters.*

**CAC/GL 50-2004** *General guidelines on sampling*

**MS 30:2008** *Labelling of prepackaged foods*

**Drinking water Standards Regulation**

**Regulations made under the Food Act**

## 3 Terms and definitions

### 3.1

#### **Natural mineral water**

is a water clearly distinguishable from ordinary drinking water because:

- a) it is characterized by its content of certain mineral salts and their relative proportions and the presence of trace elements or of other constituents;
- b) it is obtained directly from natural sources or drilled sources from underground water bearing strata for which all possible precautions should be taken within the protected perimeters to avoid any pollution of, or external influence on, the chemical and physical qualities of natural mineral water;