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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith,

I thank you for your letter of September 9, 1999. Generally, in Germany fluoridation of drinking water is forbidden. The relevant German law allows exceptions to the fluoridation ban on application. The argumentation of the Federal Ministry of Health against a general permission of fluoridation of drinking water is the problematic nature of compulsion medication and the problem of fluorid containing waste water as more than 99 % of the used fluorids will get into the water.

To my knowledge the WHO recommends a fluorid content of 1,0 to 1,2 ppm for drinking water.

More detailed information as well as the relevant German laws you will receive from the

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Yours sincerely,

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