

Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

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- 3 (1) Prohibiting persons from carrying on, or from causing or...
- 4 (1) Requiring persons proposing to carry on controlled activities to...
- 5 (1) Prescribing the form and content of applications for water...
- 6 (1) Regulating the procedure for registration required by provision made...
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- 12 Creating offences and dealing with matters relating to such offences,...
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- 16 The regulations may provide for specified provisions of the regulations...
- 17 General binding rules may— (a) impose conditions or requirements,
- 18 In connection with the imposition of conditions as mentioned in...
- 19 The regulations may— (a) require any such scheme as is...
- 20 (1) The regulations may provide for any such offence as...
- 21 In this schedule—"general binding rules" means rules specified in...

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Offences

- 1 Creating offences and dealing with matters relating to such offences,...
- 2 Enabling, where a person has been convicted of an offence...
- 3 Making provision which, subject to any modification that the Scottish...

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4 (1) The regulations may provide for any such offence as...

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5 In this schedule—" the regulations" means regulations under...

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- In section 2 (maintenance of public sewers etc.), after "sewers,"...
- 4 In section 3 (power to construct public sewers)—
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- 6 In section 4 (Scottish Water may close or alter public...
- 7 In section 7(1) (agreements between roads authorities and Scottish Water)....
- 8 In section 8(1) (agreements as to provision of sewers etc....
- 9 In section 11(1) (Scottish Water to keep maps of sewers,...
- 10 (1) Section 12 (rights of owners and occupiers to connect...
- 11 In section 14 (direction by Scottish Water as to manner...
- 12 In section 15 (owner or occupier to remedy defects in...
- 13 In section 16 (vesting of sewers and other works in...
- 14 In section 16A (vesting of certain private sewers)—
- 15 In section 17 (Scottish Water may take over private sewage...
- 16 In section 21(1) (buildings not to interfere with sewers), after...
- 17 In section 23 (restriction on working minerals)—
- 18 In section 39 (Scottish Water to have right to sewage),...
- 19 In section 41 (breaking open of streets etc.), after "sewers"...
- 20 In section 45 (production of plans and information)—
- 21 In section 46 (certain matter not to be passed into...
- 22 In section 48(1) (powers of entry)— (a) in paragraph (a),...
- 23 In section 59 (interpretation)— (a) in subsection (1), in the...
- 24 In section 46(1)(b)(ii) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002...

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1 In section 22 (power to break open streets) of the...

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- 2 In section 23 (power to lay mains etc.), after subsection...
- 3 (1) Section 24 (communication and supply pipes) of the 1980...
- 4 (1) Part II of Schedule 3 (provisions as to laying...
- 5 In Schedule 4 (provisions to be incorporated in orders relating...

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1 (1) When interpreting the Directive for the purposes of Part...

Modifications to the Articles

- 2 Article 2 is to be read as if—
- 3 Article 3(9) is to be ignored.
- 4 Article 4 is to be read as if—
- 5 Article 7(2) is to be read as if—
- 6 Article 10 is to be ignored.
- 7 Article 11(3) is to be read as if—
- 8 Article 12 is to be ignored.
- 9 Article 15 is to be ignored.
- 10 Article 24 is to be ignored.
- 11 Annex II is to be read as if, in section...
- 12 Annex IV is to be read as if—
- 13 Annex V is to be read as if—
- 14 Annex VI is to be read as if Part A...
- 15 Annex VII is to be read as if, in Part...

Definition of assimilated law

16 For the purposes of this Part, "assimilated law"...
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17 (1) When interpreting the Groundwater Directive for the purposes of...

Modifications to the Articles

- 18 Article 3(5) is to be read as if for "submitted"...
- 19 Article 5(4) and (5) is to be read as if...
- 20 Article 6(4) is to be read as if the words...
- 21 Article 12 is to be ignored.
- 22 Annex I is to be read as if—
- 23 Annex II is to be read as if, in Part...

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24 For the purposes of this Part, "assimilated law"...
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Introduction

25 (1) When interpreting the Priority Substances Directive for the purposes...

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- 26 (1) A reference in Article 3 to a provision of...
- 27 Article 4 is to be read as if—
- 28 Article 5 is to be read as if—
- 29 The following are to be ignored—(a) Article 6(2),

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- s. 20 repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(3)

- s. 21 repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(4)

- s. 22(2)(a) words repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(5)(a)

- s. 22(4) inserted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(5)(b)

- s. 23(4)(a) words repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(6)(a)

- s. 28 words repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(7)

- s. 36(3) word repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(8)(a)

- s. 36(4)(b) and word repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(8)(a)

- s. 36(5) word repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(8)(a)

- s. 36(6) word repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(8)(a)
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- sch. 1 para. 10(b) words substituted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(9)

- sch. 2 repealed by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(10)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters: Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

s. 23(5) inserted by 2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8(6)(b)