



Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

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PART 7

WATER SHORTAGE ORDERS

Main provisions

40 **Content of order**

- (1) A water shortage order may contain such provision as the Scottish Ministers consider necessary or expedient to abate—
 - (a) a serious deficiency of water supplies in an area, or
 - (b) a threat of a serious deficiency of water supplies in an area.
- (2) In particular, a water shortage order may—
 - (a) permit Scottish Water to—
 - (i) abstract water from any source specified in the order,
 - (ii) discharge water to any place specified in the order,
 - (iii) carry out and maintain works on any premises specified in the order for any purpose specified in the order,
 - (b) impose conditions or restrictions on any abstraction or discharge of water so permitted,
 - (c) relax any requirement, restriction or obligation regarding the quantity, quality, pressure, filtration or treatment of water to which Scottish Water is subject in relation to the supply of water,
 - (d) restrict or prohibit the abstraction of water by any person from any source specified in the order,
 - (e) impose one or more water saving measures in relation to—
 - (i) persons of such descriptions as are specified in the order,
 - (ii) premises of such categories as are so specified,
 - (iii) other property of such types as are so specified,
 - (iv) such purposes or circumstances as are so specified.
- (3) A water shortage order may include—

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- (a) provision by way of exceptions or exemptions,
 - (b) different provision for different purposes in any respects.
- (4) An emergency water shortage order (but not an ordinary water shortage order) may permit Scottish Water to supply water by means other than through pipes.

Commencement Information

II [S. 40](#) in force at 10.6.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/163](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)

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