

# Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

# **CHAPTER 8**

# RESERVOIRS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

# PART 1

# CONTROLLED RESERVOIRS, REGISTRATION AND RESERVOIR DESIGNATION

#### Controlled reservoirs

- 1. Controlled reservoirs
- 2. Structure or area which is to be treated as a controlled reservoir
- 3. Matters to be taken into account under section 2(3)
- 4. Controlled reservoirs: further provision
- 5. Controlled reservoirs: supplementary

# Reservoir managers

- 6. Reservoir managers
- 7. Multiple reservoir managers: supplementary
- 8. Duty of multiple reservoir managers to co-operate

# Registration

- 9. Controlled reservoirs register
- 10. Reservoir managers' duty to register with the Department

- 11. Structures or areas which are controlled reservoirs on the relevant date
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- 14. Fees: registration and administration
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- 17. Giving a reservoir designation
- 18. Periodic re-assessment of reservoir designations
- 19. Date on which reservoir designation given under section 17 or given as different designation under section 18 takes effect
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- 21. Appeal against Department's decision in a review under section 20
- 22. Matters to be taken into account under sections 17(3), 18(2), 20(3)(b)(ii) and 21(5)(a)
- 23. Matters to be taken into account under sections 17(3), 18(2), 20(3)(b)(ii) and 21(5)(a): further provision
- 24. High-consequence reservoirs, medium-consequence reservoirs and low-consequence reservoirs: further provision

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# REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH-CONSEQUENCE AND MEDIUM-CONSEQUENCE RESERVOIRS

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- 28. Visual inspection directed under section 26(4)(a): further provision
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- 30. Inspection timing: general requirements
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- 33. Pre-commencement inspection report
- 34. Commissioning of inspecting engineer etc.
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- 36. Inspection reports: compliance

# Record keeping etc.

37. Recording of water levels etc. and record keeping

Offences: supervision, inspection, record keeping

- 38. Offences: supervision, inspection, record keeping
- 39. Offence in connection with inspection: failure to secure compliance with safety direction or recommendation
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#### PART 3

#### CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF CONTROLLED RESERVOIRS

#### Construction or alteration

- 41. Application of Part 3 etc.
- 42. Meaning of "relevant works" for purposes of Act

# Supervision by construction engineer

- 43. Notice to Department and commissioning of construction engineer
- 44. Supervision of relevant works and reservoir safety by construction engineer
- 45. Safety report
- 46. Safety report: compliance
- 47. Preliminary certificate
- 48. Construction certificate
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- 50. Preliminary and final certificates: compliance
- 51. Termination of supervision by construction engineer

#### Offences: construction or alteration

- 52. Offences: construction or alteration
- 53. Offences: failure to comply with safety direction in safety report, preliminary certificate or final certificate
- 54. Defences: offences under section 53(1)

# Relevant works underway at commencement

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#### Enforcement of commissioning of engineers

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- 69. Commissioning of engineer by Department
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# Department arranging taking of safety measures

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- 84. Fixed monetary penalties: procedure etc.
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- 87. Variable monetary penalties: procedure etc.
- 88. Variable monetary penalties: criminal proceedings and conviction
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- 98. Affording of reasonable facilities to engineers
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#### **SCHEDULES**

# SCHEDULE 1 — PRE-COMMENCEMENT INSPECTION REPORTS: REVIEW OF DECISION UNDER SECTION 33(2)

- 1. A reservoir manager of a high-consequence or medium-consequence reservoir on...
- 2. Any such application must be made in writing before the...
- 3. In considering an application under paragraph 1, the Department—
- 4. An engineer is disqualified from being commissioned under paragraph 3...
- 5. The Department must notify the reservoir manager of its decision
- 6. The Department may by regulations make further provision in relation...

# SCHEDULE 2 — INDEX OF DEFINED EXPRESSIONS

# SCHEDULE 3 — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (NI 21)

- 1. The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 is...
- 2. In Article 293 (procedure of the Water Appeals Commission)

3. Article 297 (regulations by the Department for Regional Development as...

4. In Article 300 (regulations), in paragraph (1)(b), the words "or...

# SCHEDULE 4 — REPEALS

# **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.