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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 351**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**The Water Framework Directive (Classification,  
Priority Substances and Shellfish Waters)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

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**THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (CLASSIFICATION,  
PRIORITY SUBSTANCES AND SHELLFISH WATERS)  
REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015**

1. Citation and commencement
2. Interpretation
3. Typology and Environmental Standards
4. Environmental standards for priority substances
5. For the priority substances numbered 2, 5, 15, 20, 22,...
6. Without prejudice to existing obligations, for the priority substances numbered...
7. Subject to regulation 8— (a) for the priority substances numbered...
8. (1) Subject to the conditions in paragraphs (2) and (3),...
9. Monitoring
10. Where, pursuant to Article 5 of Directive 2009/90/EC, the calculated...
11. For substances for which an environmental quality standard for sediment...
12. The Department may monitor the substances numbered 5, 21, 28,...
13. (1) On the basis of monitoring of surface water status...
14. The Department must carry out monitoring under regulation 13(1) in...
15. Watch List
16. The Department may opt not to undertake additional monitoring under...
17. (1) The Department must publish the results of the monitoring...
18. Intermittent Standards
19. Standards for shellfish waters
20. Classification of surface waters

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21. Classification of Groundwater
22. Designation of Mixing Zones
23. Inventory of emissions, discharges and losses
24. Transboundary Pollution
25. Coordination
26. Information to be included in River Basin Management Plan
27. Revocations and Savings
28. The Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) (Amendment) Regulations...
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## SCHEDULE 1

PART 1 — Criteria for identifying the types of river, lake or transitional water to which the environmental standards specified in Part 2 of this Schedule apply

1. Subject to paragraph 2, to determine the dissolved oxygen, ammonia...
2. Having assigned a Type in accordance with Table 1, the...
3. To determine the morphological conditions applicable to a river or...
4. To determine the river flow standards applicable to a river...
5. To determine the total phosphorus standards to apply to a...
6. To determine the lake level standards applicable to a lake...
7. To determine the morphological conditions applicable to a lake or...

PART 2 — Environmental Standards

1. Environmental standards for river water quality
2. The Department must apply the “high”, “good”, “moderate”, “poor” or...
3. The Department must apply, as applicable, the “high”, “good”, “moderate”,...
4. The Department must apply, as applicable, the “high”, “good” “moderate”...
5. The Department must apply, as applicable, the “high”, “good”, “moderate”...
6. Environmental standards for river flows
7. Environmental standards for lake water quality
8. The Department must apply the “good” salinity standard specified in...
9. Once the Department has, in accordance with paragraph 5 of...
10. If the Department does not have the necessary data to...
11. Environmental standards for protection of inland lake water levels
12. Environmental standards for transitional and coastal water quality
13. The Department must apply, as applicable, the dissolved inorganic nitrogen...
14. Environmental standards for specific pollutants

*Environmental Standards for River Water Quality*

*Environmental Standards for Lake Water Quality*

*Environmental Standards for Transitional and Coastal Water Quality*

*Environmental Standards for Specific Pollutants*

*Environmental Standards for Priority Substances and other Substances*

Application of the standards set out in Table 47 For...

PART 3 — Boundary values for biological quality elements

1. Boundary values for aquatic plants and animals in rivers
2. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any river or...
3. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any river or...
4. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any river or...
5. Boundary values for aquatic plants and animals in lakes
6. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any lake or...
7. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any lake or...
8. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any lake or...
9. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any lake or...
10. Boundary values for aquatic plants and animals in transitional and coastal waters
11. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any transitional water,...
12. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any transitional water,...
13. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any transitional water,...
14. The Department must apply, as applicable, to any transitional water...

PART 4 — Intermittent Discharge Standards

SCHEDULE 2

PART 1 — Determining Ecological Status of Surface Waters that are not designated Heavily Modified or Artificial

1. The Department must classify the ecological status of surface water...
2. In this part, “high impact alien species” means a non-native...

PART 2 — Determining Chemical Status of Surface Waters

1. The Department must classify the chemical status of surface water...

PART 3 — Determining Ecological Potential of Heavily Modified and Artificial Water Bodies

1. The Department must classify a surface water body designated as...
2. In order to determine how to classify surface water bodies...
3. When determining whether all practicable mitigation has been taken, mitigation...

PART 4 — Determining High Status for Morphological Elements

1. The Department must monitor morphological conditions within relevant water bodies....
2. High Status morphological condition must not be assigned to

PART 5 — Determining Overall Status of Surface Water Bodies

1. The Department must determine the overall status of a surface...

SCHEDULE 3

Determining Quantitative status of Groundwater

1. (1) The Department must determine the quantitative status of a...

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- SCHEDULE 4 Presentation of monitoring results and classification
- SCHEDULE 5
- PART 1 — Shellfish Waters Standards
  - PART 2 — Microbial Guideline Value
  - 1. Microbial Guideline Value
  - 2. Compliance with the microbial guideline value
  - 3. Sampling and analysis
- SCHEDULE 6 Modifications of Directives
- PART 1 — Modifications of the Water Framework Directive
  - 1. A reference to the Water Framework Directive, or to any...
  - 2. When interpreting the Water Framework Directive for the purposes of...
  - 3. Article 2(24) is to be read as if, for the...
  - 4. Article 3 is to be read as if—
  - 5. Article 4 is to be read as if—
  - 6. Article 7(2) is to be read as if—
  - 7. Article 11(3) is to be read as if—
  - 8. In Article 13— (a) paragraph 2 is to be read...
  - 9. Article 15 is to be read as if—
  - 10. Annex 2 is to be read as if—
  - 11. Annex 5 is to be read as if—
  - 12. Annex 6 is to be read as if Part A...
  - 13. Annex 7 is to be read as if, in Part...
  - PART 2 — Modifications of the Directive
  - 1. A reference to the Directive or to any provision of...
  - 2. When interpreting the Directive for the purpose of these Regulations —...
  - 3. Article 4 is to be read as if—
  - PART 3 — Modifications of Directive 2009/90/EC
  - 1. A reference to Directive 2009/90/EC , or to any provision...
  - 2. When interpreting Directive 2009/90/EC for the purposes of these Regulations,...
- Explanatory Note

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