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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 351**

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

**Watch List**

**15.**—(1) The Department must, within the deadlines set out in paragraph (3), monitor each substance in the watch list produced by the Commission <sup>M1</sup>[<sup>F1</sup>, immediately before exit day,] under Article 8b (1) and (2) of the Directive.

(2) The monitoring referred to in paragraph (1) must be carried out—

- (a) at selected monitoring stations over at least a 12-month period; and
- (b) in accordance with any Commission guidance published for these purposes under Article 8b of the [<sup>F2</sup>the Directive][<sup>F3</sup>, immediately before exit day].

(3) The Department must select at least one monitoring station.

(4) The 12-month monitoring period must—

- (a) for each substance included in the watch list as first established by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/495 <sup>M2</sup>, commence on 24th October 2015; and
- (b) for each substance included in subsequent lists [<sup>F4</sup>produced immediately before exit day], commence within six months of its inclusion in the list.

(5) In selecting representative monitoring stations, and the monitoring frequency and timing for each substance, the Department must—

- (a) take into account the use patterns and possible occurrence of the substance; and
- (b) ensure that monitoring is carried out at each station at least once per year.

**F1** Words in reg. 15(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Water \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/112\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**F2** Words in reg. 15(2)(b) substituted (24.12.2018) by [The Environment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018 \(S.R. 2018/200\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 13**

**F3** Words in reg. 15(2)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Water \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/112\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**F4** Words in reg. 15(4)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Water \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/112\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** Commission Implementing Decision 2015/495. OJ L 78, 24.3.2015, p40

**M2** OJ L78, 24.3.2015, p40

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water Framework Directive (Classification, Priority Substances and Shellfish Waters) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Section 15.