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25.	The Water Environment (Floods Directive) Regulations (Northern
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- 6. Article 7(2) is to be read as if—
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- 10. In Article 13— (a) paragraph 2 is to be read...
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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.