
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

PART 7

General

Publication of information

31.—(1) The Department must make accessible to the public at its principal offices—

- (a) the results of the analysis and review conducted in accordance with regulation 5 (characterisation of river basin district and international river basin districts);
- (b) maps showing bodies of water identified in accordance with regulation 8 (bodies of water used for the abstraction of drinking water);
- (c) the registers prepared in accordance with regulation 10 (register of protected areas);
- (d) the results of the monitoring programmes established in accordance with regulation 11 (monitoring);
- (e) the environmental objectives and programmes of measures established in accordance with regulation 12 (environmental objectives and programmes of measures); and
- (f) any supplementary plan published in accordance with regulation 29 (supplementary plans).

(2) The Department must make accessible to the public through its website and at its principal offices the results of the analysis conducted in accordance with regulation 7 (economic analysis of water use in river basin district and international river basin districts).

(3) The Department must ensure that an interim report describing progress in the implementation of the planned programme of measures required to be produced in accordance with Article 15(3) of the Directive is made available via a central portal which is accessible to the public electronically in accordance with Article 7(1) of [Directive 2003/4/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on public access to environmental information⁽¹⁾.

Provision of information and assistance by public bodies

32. A public body must, on being requested to do so by the Department, provide the Department with such information in its possession or under its control and such assistance as the Department may reasonably seek in connection with the exercise by the Department of any of its functions in accordance with these Regulations.

Guidance to public bodies

33. The Department may give guidance to any public body on the implementation of the Directive, and the body to whom guidance is issued must have regard to it.

Revocations

34. The 2003 Regulations are revoked.

35. The Surface Waters (Shellfish) (Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 are revoked⁽²⁾.

36. The Surface Waters (Shellfish) (Classification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 are revoked⁽³⁾.

Transitional provision

37.—(1) Anything done, whether or not subsequently revised, in accordance with the 2003 Regulations, and which has not been superseded at the time these Regulations come into operation, continues to have effect but is taken to have been done in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to, but is not limited to, the following—

- (a) the analysis of river basin characteristics and review of impact of human activity required to be undertaken by 22nd December 2004 in accordance with regulation 5 of the 2003 Regulations;
- (b) the economic analysis required to be undertaken by 22nd December 2004 in accordance with regulation 6 of the 2003 Regulations;
- (c) the identification of drinking water protected areas in accordance with regulation 7 of the 2003 Regulations;
- (d) the establishment of a register of protected areas required by 22nd December 2004 in accordance with regulation 8 of the 2003 Regulations;
- (e) the establishment of operational monitoring programmes required by 22nd December 2006 in accordance with regulation 9 of the 2003 Regulations; and
- (f) the setting of environmental objectives for each body of water and the establishment of programmes of measures required by 22nd December 2009 in accordance with regulation 11 of the 2003 Regulations.

Consequential amendments

38. The consequential amendments in Schedule 4 have effect.

(2) [S.R. 1997 No.489](#)

(3) [S.R. 2009 No.61](#)