



Water Resources Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 57

PART VIII

INFORMATION PROVISIONS

Provision and acquisition of information etc.

203 Exchange of information with respect to pollution incidents etc.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the [F¹appropriate agency] to provide a water undertaker with all such information to which this section applies as is in the possession of the [F¹appropriate agency] and is reasonably requested by the undertaker for purposes connected with the carrying out of its functions.
- [F²(1A) It shall be the duty of the [F¹appropriate agency] to provide a [F³water supply licensee] with all such information to which this section applies as is in the possession of the [F¹appropriate agency] and is reasonably requested by the [F⁴licensee] for purposes connected with the carrying on of activities under [F⁵the licensee's licence].]
- (2) It shall be the duty of every water undertaker to provide the [F¹appropriate agency] with all such information to which this section applies as is in the possession of the undertaker and is reasonably requested by the [F¹appropriate agency] for purposes connected with the carrying out of any of its functions.
- [F⁶(2A) It shall be the duty of every [F⁷water supply licensee] to provide the [F¹appropriate agency] with all such information to which this section applies as is in the possession of the [F⁸licensee] and is reasonably requested by the [F¹appropriate agency] for purposes connected with the carrying out of any of its functions.]
- [F⁹(3) Information provided to a water undertaker, to a [F¹⁰water supply licensee] or to the [F¹appropriate agency] under subsection (1), (1A), (2) or (2A) above shall be provided in such form and in such manner and at such times as the undertaker, the [F¹¹licensee] or the [F¹appropriate agency], as the case may be, may reasonably require.]

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- (4) Information provided under [^{F12}subsection (1), (1A), (2) or (2A)] above to a water undertaker [^{F13}, to a [^{F14}water supply licensee]] or to the [^{F1}appropriate agency] shall be provided free of charge.
- (5) The duties of
 [^{F15}(a) a water undertaker under subsection (2) above; or
 (b) a [^{F16}water supply licensee] under subsection (2A) above,
 shall] be enforceable under section 18 of the ^{M1}Water Industry Act 1991 by the Secretary of State.
- (6) This section applies to information—
 (a) about the quality of any controlled waters or of any other waters; or
 (b) about any incident in which any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter or any ^{F17}... waste matter has entered any controlled waters or other waters.
- (7) In this section “controlled waters” has the same meaning as in Part III of this Act.
- [^{F18}(8) Any reference in this section to a [^{F19}water supply licensee] is a reference to [^{F20}a person] holding a licence under Chapter 1A of Part 2 of the Water Industry Act 1991.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in ss. 199-203 substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 299** (with Sch. 7)
- F2** S. 203(1A) inserted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 53(2)(a)**; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 3(c) (with Sch. para. 8)
- F3** Words in s. 203(1A) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(2)(a)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F4** Word in s. 203(1A) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(2)(b)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F5** Words in s. 203(1A) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(2)(c)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F6** S. 203(2A) inserted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 53(2)(b)**; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 3(c) (with Sch. para. 8)
- F7** Words in s. 203(2A) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(3)(a)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F8** Word in s. 203(2A) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(3)(b)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F9** S. 203(3) substituted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 53(2)(c)**; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 3(c) (with Sch. para. 8)
- F10** Words in s. 203(3) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(4)(a)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F11** Word in s. 203(3) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(4)(b)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F12** Words in s. 203(4) substituted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 53(2)(d)** (i); S.I. 2005/2714, art. 3(c) (with Sch. para. 8)
- F13** Words in s. 203(4) inserted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 53(2)(d)(ii)**; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 3(c) (with Sch. para. 8)
- F14** Words in s. 203(4) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(5)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F15** Words in s. 203(5) substituted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 53(2)(e)**; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 3(c) (with Sch. para. 8)

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- F16** Words in s. 203(5)(b) substituted (1.4.2016) by Water Act 2014 (c. 21), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(6)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F17** Word in s. 203(6)(b) repealed (6.4.2008) by The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3538), reg. 1(1)(b), Sch. 21 para. 21(2), **Sch. 23** (with reg. 72, Sch. 4)
- F18** S. 203(8) inserted (1.12.2005) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), s. 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 53(2)(f)**; S.I. 2005/2714, art. 3(c) (with Sch. para. 8)
- F19** Words in s. 203(8) substituted (1.4.2016) by Water Act 2014 (c. 21), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(7)(a)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)
- F20** Words in s. 203(8) substituted (1.4.2016) by Water Act 2014 (c. 21), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 125(7)(b)**; S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), Sch. 1 para. 1(cc) (with Sch. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 203 amended (27.8.1993) by 1993 c. 12, ss. 40, 51(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1 para. 9** (with s. 46).
- C2** S. 203 modified by S.I. 2010/675, Sch. 23 Pt. 8 para. 3 Table 9 (as substituted (1.10.2011) by The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2043), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 1**)
- C3** S. 203 modified (1.1.2017) by The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/1154), reg. 1(1), Sch. 23 Pt. 7 paras. 1(3), **2** (with regs. 1(3), 77-79, Sch. 4)

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