



Water Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 37

PART 1

ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDING

Claims and compensation

27 Withdrawal of compensation for certain revocations and variations

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) a licence to abstract water is revoked or varied on or after 15th July 2012 in pursuance of a direction under section 54 or 56 of the WRA (which provide for the Secretary of State to direct the [^{F1}appropriate agency] to revoke or vary a licence in certain circumstances);
 - (b) the licence was granted before the coming into force of section 19 of this Act;
 - (c) the licence is one which is expressed to remain in force until revoked; and
 - (d) the ground for revoking or varying the licence is that the Secretary of State is satisfied that the revocation or variation is necessary in order to protect from serious damage—
 - (i) any inland waters,
 - (ii) any water contained in underground strata,
 - (iii) any underground strata themselves,or any flora or fauna dependent on any of them.
- (2) Where this section applies, no compensation is payable under section 61 of the WRA in respect of the revocation or variation of the licence.
- (3) Expressions used in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of subsection (1)(d) are to be construed in accordance with section 221 of the WRA; and “waters”, in relation to a lake, pond, river or watercourse which is for the time being dry, includes its bottom, channel or bed.

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[^{F2}(4) This section does not apply in respect of a licence revoked or varied on or after 1 January 2028 if the licence is a “relevant licence” within the meaning of section 61ZA of the Water Resources Act 1991.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 27(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(No. 755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 419](#) (with Sch. 7)
- F2** S. 27(4) inserted (9.1.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), [ss. 88\(2\)](#), 147(2)(k) (with s. 144)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 27 in force at 1.4.2004 by [S.I. 2004/641](#), [art. 3\(i\)](#) (with Sch. 3 para. 7)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 52(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(3\)](#)