



Flood and Water Management Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 29

PART 1

FLOOD AND COASTAL EROSION RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Key concepts and definitions

3 “Risk management”

- (1) “Risk management” means anything done for the purpose of—
 - (a) analysing a risk,
 - (b) assessing a risk,
 - (c) reducing a risk,
 - (d) reducing a component in the assessment of a risk,
 - (e) altering the balance of factors combined in assessing a risk, or
 - (f) otherwise taking action in respect of a risk or a factor relevant to the assessment of a risk (including action for the purpose of flood defence).
- (2) In particular, risk management includes things done—
 - (a) that increase the probability of an event but reduce or alter its potential consequences, or
 - (b) that increase the probability of an event occurring at one time or in one place but reduce the probability of it occurring at another time or in another place.
- (3) The following are examples of things that might be done in the course of flood or coastal erosion risk management—
 - (a) planning, erecting, maintaining, altering or removing buildings or other structures (including structures built or used for flood defence purposes),
 - (b) maintaining or restoring natural processes,
 - (c) reducing or increasing the level of water in a place (whether or not it results in a change to the water level in another place),

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- (d) carrying out work in respect of a river or other watercourse (such as taking things out of it or supporting or diverting the banks),
- (e) moving things onto, off or around a beach, or carrying out other works in respect of the shoreline,
- (f) using statutory or other powers to permit, require, restrict or prevent activities,
- (g) making arrangements for financial or other support for action taken by persons in respect of a risk of, or in preparing to manage the consequences of, flooding or coastal erosion,
- (h) making arrangements for forecasting and warning,
- (i) preparing, gathering and disseminating maps, plans, surveys and other information, and
- (j) providing education and giving guidance (including, for example, guidance on changes to land management).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 1-3 applied by 2005 c. 5, s. 86B(4) (as inserted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 5 para. 9 of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2015 \(c. 11\)](#), [Sch. 5 para. 1](#))

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 3 in force at 1.9.2010 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2010/2169](#), [art. 3\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- I2** S. 3 in force at 1.10.2010 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2010/2169](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)

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