

# **WATER ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SCHEDULES**

#### ***Schedule 5: Extension of licensing provisions in relation to Wales***

360. **Schedule 5** is likely to be commenced after sections 1 and 4 and Schedules 1 to 4. To a great extent, it amends provisions added or amended by sections 1 to 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 and 7. Water licensing in undertaker areas wholly or mainly in Wales will be aligned with water licensing in areas wholly or mainly in England, meaning that licensees will no longer need separate authorisations for areas in Wales. In other words, as regards undertaker areas wholly or mainly in Wales, restricted retail authorisations and supplementary authorisations will be replaced by retail and wholesale authorisations. In addition, sewerage licensing will be introduced to undertaker areas wholly or mainly in Wales. The changes will make it necessary to change or add to the functions of the Welsh Ministers, the Chief Inspector of Drinking Water for Wales, and Ofwat. The Schedule also makes provision for the Secretary of State and the Welsh Ministers to do certain things jointly