
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 699

The Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010.
- (2) This Order comes into force on 6th April 2010.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the Agency” means the Environment Agency;

“commercial vessel” means any vessel that is kept or used for any commercial purpose not being a non-charging vessel, and in this definition “non-charging vessel” means a vessel in respect of which neither the owner nor any operator receives any form of payment from any person for or in connection with any voyage or excursion other than as a contribution to the direct expense of operating the vessel during that voyage or excursion;

“master” in relation to a vessel means the person for the time being (whether lawfully or not) having command or charge of the vessel;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“officer”, except in article 21, means an officer or agent of the Agency duly authorised in writing by the Agency to exercise powers conferred by this Order;

“on” in relation to a vessel on the waterways includes in or upon the waterways, whether or not the vessel is floating;

“unincorporated association” does not include a partnership;

“vessel” includes every description of vessel with or without means of propulsion of any kind and includes anything constructed or used to carry persons, goods, plant or machinery, or to be propelled or moved, on, in or by water; and

“waterways” means unless the context otherwise requires any of the waterways described in article 3(2).

Application

- 3.—(1) The provisions of this Order apply to the waterways.
- (2) The waterways are—

- (a) the waterways for which the Agency is the navigation authority pursuant to the Anglian Water Authority Act 1977(1) (Schedule 1 of which is set out, as amended by article 28 of this Order, in Schedule 1 of this Order);
- (b) that part of the River Little Ouse between Brandon Staunch and Brandon Bridge;
- (c) the Great Ouse Flood Relief Channel between the Head sluice lock at Denver and the Tail sluice at Saddlebrow;
- (d) the Medway navigation, as defined in paragraph (a) of the definition of “the Medway navigation” in section 32 of the Southern Water Authority Act 1982(2);
- (e) the Thames within the meaning of section 4 of the Thames Conservancy Act 1932(3).

(1) 1977 c. i, as amended by this Order.
(2) 1982 c. xxii, as amended by this Order.
(3) 1932 c. xxxvii, as amended by the [Thames Conservancy Act 1950 \(c. i.\)](#) section 3.