STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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WATER RESOURCES, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

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The Secretary of State and the Welsh Ministers, acting respectively in relation to river basin districts that are wholly in England and river basin districts that are wholly in Wales, and jointly in relation to river basin districts that are partly in England and partly in Wales, make these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(1).

The Secretary of State is designated for the purposes of that section of that Act in relation to the environment(2), and the Welsh Ministers are designated for the purposes of that section of that Act in relation to water resources(3).

^{(1) 1972} c. 68; section 2(2) was amended by section 27 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2008/301

⁽³⁾ S.I. 2003/2901, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations. The functions conferred on the National Assembly for Wales by means of that Order are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers by virtue of paragraph 28(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32).