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PART 5

Environmental objectives and programmes of measures

Further programmes of measures in relation to certain priority substances

22.—(1) The appropriate agency must, by 22nd December 2018, establish a preliminary programme of measures for each river basin district in relation to substances 34 to 45 in the table of priority substances.

(2) For the purposes of a programme of measures to be updated by 22nd December 2021 under regulation [12\(6\)\(a\)](#), the appropriate agency must, by such date as the appropriate authority directs, prepare and submit to the appropriate authority proposals for a final programme of measures for the purposes of aiming to achieve good surface water chemical status in relation to substances 34 to 45 in the table of priority substances by 22nd December 2027 and preventing deterioration in the chemical status of each body of surface water in relation to those substances.

(3) Regulation [12\(2\)](#) applies to the preparation by the appropriate agency of its proposals under paragraph (2) as it does to the preparation of proposals under regulation [12\(1\)](#).

(4) Without prejudice to the existing obligations, the appropriate authority must ensure that, for each river basin district, the programme of measures updated under regulation [12\(6\)\(a\)](#) by 22nd December 2021 contains measures for the purposes of aiming to achieve good surface water chemical status in relation to substances 34 to 45 in the table of priority substances by 22nd December 2027 and preventing deterioration in the chemical status of each body of surface water in relation to those substances.

(5) Regulation [12\(3\)](#) to (5) applies in relation to proposals for a programme of measures submitted to the appropriate authority under paragraph (2) as it does to proposals submitted under regulation [12\(1\)](#).

(6) The appropriate authority must ensure that the measures referred to in paragraph (4) are made operational as soon as possible after 22nd December 2021, and at the latest by 22nd December 2024.

(7) In paragraph (4), “existing obligations” means the obligations (on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy) under the EQSD (“the original Directive”) before it was amended by [Directive 2013/39/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards priority substances in the field of water policy⁽¹⁾ including, in particular, the achievement of good surface water chemical status in relation to the substances and the associated environmental quality standards listed in the original Directive.

(1) OJ No L 226, 24.8.2013, p1.