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PART 7

MERGERS AND RESTRUCTURING OF PRINCIPAL AREAS

CHAPTER 3

FUNCTIONS RELATING TO MERGERS AND RESTRUCTURING

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- (1) After receiving a merger application the Welsh Ministers may direct a merging council that—
 - (a) until merger regulations applying to the council come into force, or
 - (b) until it receives notice under section 121(5),it must not take any steps (including the holding of a referendum) to change its form of executive.
- (2) After giving notice as described in section 129(6), the Welsh Ministers may direct a restructuring council that—
 - (a) until restructuring regulations applying to the council come into force, or
 - (b) until it receives notice under section 134(3),it must not take any steps (including the holding of a referendum) to change its form of executive.
- (3) While a direction under subsection (1) or (2) has effect in relation to a council, the council is not subject to any duty imposed by or under an enactment to take steps to change its form of executive.