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PART 1

PROTECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 2

RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING

River basin districts

9 Environmental objectives and programmes of measures

- (1) For the purposes of the river basin management plan for a river basin district SEPA must—
 - (a) set environmental objectives for each body of water in the district, and
 - (b) prepare a programme of measures to be applied to achieve those objectives.
- (2) In setting environmental objectives and preparing a programme of measures under this section, SEPA must take account of the characterisation of the river basin district concerned (and any review of it) carried out under section 5.
- (3) Environmental objectives may be set so as to apply with modifications in relation to particular descriptions of bodies of water or in particular circumstances.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision as to the setting of environmental objectives and the preparation of programmes of measures under this section.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) making provision as to the setting of environmental objectives under this section may, in particular, include provision as to—
 - (a) the types of environmental objective which may be set for particular descriptions of body of water,

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- (b) the date by which and the criteria by reference to which such objectives are to be set,
 - (c) the methods and procedures to be followed in setting such objectives,
 - (d) the dates by which such objectives are to be achieved,
 - (e) particular descriptions of bodies of water in relation to which, or particular circumstances in which, such objectives are to apply with modifications.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (4) making provision as to the preparation of programmes of measures under this section may, in particular, include provision as to—
- (a) the types of measures which must or may be included in such a programme,
 - (b) the date by which such a programme is to be prepared,
 - (c) the methods and procedures to be followed in preparing such a programme.
- (7) In this section, “environmental objectives” means the objectives required to comply with Article 4 of the Directive together with any objectives required to comply with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 7 of the Directive.