



Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

2005 asp 3

PART 2 **S**

PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

[^{F1}Contractual matters]

[^{F1}20D Liability for charges **S**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if, without reasonable excuse, an owner of any premises to which section 20C(1) relates fails to comply with section 20C(2) (except where the new occupier is the owner or the premises have fallen vacant).
- (2) The new occupier's liability (if any) to the water or sewerage services provider for the relevant charges becomes shared jointly and severally with the owner.
- (3) In subsection (2), “ relevant charges ” means charges arising by virtue of any arrangements to which section 16(1) or (as the case may be) (4) relates.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make rules for—
 - (a) timing and procedure in connection with subsections (1) and (2),
 - (b) exempting an owner from liability under subsections (1) and (2) where, although information supplied by the owner is inaccurate or incomplete, the owner has taken prescribed steps to ensure its accuracy or completeness.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 20C, 20D inserted (10.6.2013 for specified purposes, 1.1.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Water Resources \(Scotland\) Act 2013 \(asp 5\)](#), **ss. 33(2)**, 56(1)(2); S.S.I. 2013/163, art. 3, sch.; S.S.I. 2016/327, art. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 20D.