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PART 1

RESERVOIRS

CHAPTER 9

CIVIL ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY POWERS AND FURTHER OFFENCES

Stop notices

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order make provision as to the giving by SEPA of stop notices to reservoir managers of controlled reservoirs.
- (2) Before making an order under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult in accordance with section 86.
- (3) A stop notice is a notice prohibiting a reservoir manager of a controlled reservoir from carrying on an activity specified in the notice until the manager has taken the steps specified in the notice.
- (4) Provision under subsection (1) may confer power to give a stop notice only in relation to a case where the reservoir manager is carrying on the activity and either—
 - (a) SEPA reasonably believes that the activity as carried on by the manager presents a significant risk of causing an uncontrolled release of water from the reservoir, or
 - (b) SEPA reasonably believes that the activity as carried on involves or is likely to involve the commission of an offence under this Part.
- (5) Where provision under subsection (1) confers power to give a stop notice in a case falling within subsection (4)(a)—
 - (a) SEPA must, before it exercises the power—

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- (i) at its own expense appoint an engineer who is a member of a panel of reservoir engineers established under section 27 who may (by virtue of an order under that section) be appointed under this subsection, and
 - (ii) take into account recommendations made by that engineer about the stop notice,
- (b) the steps specified in any such stop notice in pursuance of subsection (3) must be steps to remove or reduce the risk referred to in subsection (4)(a),
 - (c) SEPA must give the Scottish Ministers notice of each occasion on which it exercises the power as soon as reasonably practicable after doing so.