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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2014 No. 208**

**The Groundwater (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

**Amendment of regulation 9**

7. For regulation 9 (criteria for assessing groundwater chemical status) substitute—

**“Criteria and Procedure for assessing groundwater chemical status**

9.—(1) The Department shall apply the approach in the relevant provisions of the Directive and the Water Framework Directive when assessing groundwater chemical status.

(2) The relevant provisions of the Directive for the purposes of subparagraph (1) are—

- (a) Article 3(1)(a) and (b);
- (b) Article 3(6);
- (c) Article 4(1), 4(2) and 4(3);
- (d) Annex I;
- (e) Annex II; and
- (f) paragraphs 1 to 4 of Annex III.

(3) The relevant provisions of the Water Framework Directive for the purposes of subparagraph (1) are in section 2.3 of Annex V.

(4) Diffuse sources of pollution having an impact on groundwater chemical status must be taken into account whenever technically possible.”