
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

PART 3

Protected areas

Bodies of water used for the abstraction of drinking water

8.—(1) The Department and the water undertaker, acting jointly, must identify any body of water (a “drinking water protected area”) within the river basin district and the part of each international river basin district falling within Northern Ireland which—

- (a) is used for the abstraction of water intended for human consumption and either—
 - (i) provides more than 10 cubic metres of water per day as an average; or
 - (ii) serves more than 50 persons; or
- (b) is intended to be used for the future abstraction of water intended for human consumption to the extent referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(i) or (ii).

(2) For each drinking water protected area, the programme of measures for the river basin district and the part of each international river basin district falling within Northern Ireland within which the body of water is located must include measures with the aim of avoiding deterioration in the quality of the water in that area, in order to reduce the level of purification treatment required in the production of drinking water abstracted from it.

(3) In this regulation and regulation 11, “water intended for human consumption” has the same meaning as in Council [Directive 98/83/EC](#) on the quality of water intended for human consumption, as amended⁽¹⁾.