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PART III

**POWERS OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
IN RELATION TO WATERWAYS**

Principal powers of Department in relation to waterways

Charges for recreational and navigational use of waterways

50.—(1) The Department may make charges—

- (a) for the use of any facilities provided or maintained by it under any relevant statutory provision;
- (b) without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (a), for the passage through any lock constructed or maintained by the Department under any relevant statutory provision;
- (c) in respect of the registration or licensing of any vessel in accordance with an order under Article 49.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the Department may—

- (a) provide for exemption from payment of charges imposed under this Article in such cases as the Department may determine;
- (b) provide for the payment of concessionary charges in such cases as the Department may determine.

(3) The Department shall, in such manner as it considers appropriate, publish a scale of charges payable under this Article.

(4) Where, by virtue of this Article any person is required to pay any sum of money to the Department—

- (a) the Department may certify in writing the amount of that sum; and
- (b) the amount so certified shall be recoverable by the Department summarily as a debt due to it.

(5) A certificate under paragraph (4) shall be prima facie evidence of the amount stated therein.