



# Water Industry Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 56

### PART IV

#### SEWERAGE SERVICES

#### CHAPTER II

#### PROVISION OF SEWERAGE SERVICES

##### *Interpretation of Chapter II*

#### **117 Interpretation of Chapter II.**

- (1) In this Chapter, except in so far as the context otherwise requires—
- “dock undertakers” means persons authorised by any enactment, or by any order, rule or regulation made under any enactment, to construct, work or carry on any dock, harbour, canal or inland navigation;
- “domestic sewerage purposes”, in relation to any premises, means any one or more of the following purposes, that is to say—
- (a) the removal, from buildings on the premises and from land occupied with and appurtenant to the buildings, of the contents of lavatories;
  - (b) the removal, from such buildings and from such land, of water which has been used for cooking or washing; and
  - (c) the removal, from such buildings and such land, of surface water;
- but does not, by virtue of paragraph (b) of this definition, include the removal of any water used for the business of a laundry or for a business of preparing food or drink for consumption otherwise than on the premises.
- (2) References in this Chapter to the construction of a sewer or of any sewage disposal works include references to the extension of any existing sewer or works.

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- (3) In this Chapter “local authority”, in relation to the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple, includes, respectively, the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Under-Treasurer of the Middle Temple.
- (4) Every application made or consent given under this Chapter shall be made or given in writing.
- (5) Nothing in sections 102 to 109 above or in sections 111 to 116 above shall be construed as authorising a sewerage undertaker to construct or use any public or other sewer, or any drain or outfall—
- (a) in contravention of any applicable provision of the <sup>M1</sup>Water Resources Act 1991 [<sup>F1</sup>or the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/675)] ; or
  - (b) for the purpose of conveying foul water into any natural or artificial stream, watercourse, canal, pond or lake, without the water having been so treated as not to affect prejudicially the purity and quality of the water in the stream, watercourse, canal, pond or lake.
- (6) A sewerage undertaker shall so carry out its functions under sections 102 to 105, 112, 115 and 116 above as not to create a nuisance.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 117(5)(a) inserted (1.1.2015) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), [Sch. 7 para. 97](#); [S.I. 2014/3320](#), art. 2(2)(e)(ii)

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