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PART II

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACTION AND IMPOUNDING

Modification of licences

52 Proposals for modification at instance of the Authority or Secretary of State

- (1) Where it appears to the Authority that a licence under this Chapter should be revoked or varied, the Authority may formulate proposals for revoking or varying the licence.
- (2) Where—
 - (a) it appears to the Secretary of State (either in consequence of representations made to the Secretary of State or otherwise) that a licence under this Chapter ought to be reviewed; but
 - (b) no proposals for revoking or varying the licence have been formulated by the Authority under subsection (1) above,the Secretary of State may, as he may consider appropriate in the circumstances, give the Authority a direction under subsection (3) below.
- (3) A direction under this subsection may—
 - (a) direct the Authority to formulate proposals for revoking the licence in question; or
 - (b) direct the Authority to formulate proposals for varying that licence in such manner as may be specified in the direction.
- (4) Notice in the prescribed form of any proposals formulated under this section with respect to any licence shall—

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- (a) be served on the holder of the licence; and
 - (b) be published in the London Gazette and, at least once in each of two successive weeks, in one or more newspapers (other than the London Gazette) circulating in the relevant locality.
- (5) If—
- (a) a licence with respect to which any proposals are formulated under this section relates to any inland waters; and
 - (b) the proposals provide for variation of that licence,
- a copy of the notice for the purposes of subsection (4) above shall, not later than the date on which it is first published otherwise than in the London Gazette, be served on any navigation authority, harbour authority or conservancy authority having functions in relation to those waters at a place where the licence, if varied in accordance with the proposals, would authorise water to be abstracted or impounded.
- (6) A notice for the purposes of subsection (4) above, in addition to any other matters required to be contained in that notice, shall—
- (a) name a place within the relevant locality where a copy of the proposals, and of any map, plan or other document prepared in connection with them, will be open to inspection by the public, free of charge, at all reasonable hours during a period specified in the notice in accordance with subsection (7) below; and
 - (b) state that, at any time before the end of that period—
 - (i) the holder of the licence may give notice in writing to the Authority objecting to the proposals; and
 - (ii) any other person may make representations in writing to the Authority with respect to the proposals.
- (7) The period specified in a notice for the purposes of subsection (6) above shall be a period which—
- (a) begins not earlier than the date on which the notice is first published in a newspaper other than the London Gazette; and
 - (b) ends not less than twenty-eight days from that date and not less than twenty-five days from the date on which the notice is published in the London Gazette.
- (8) In this section “the relevant locality” means the locality in which the place or places where the licence authorises water to be abstracted or impounded is or are situated.