



Water Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 37

PART 2

NEW REGULATORY ARRANGEMENTS, ETC

Miscellaneous

51 Reasons for decisions

After section 195 of the WIA there is inserted—

“195A Reasons for decisions

- (1) This section applies to the following decisions of the Authority, the Secretary of State or the Assembly, namely—
- (a) the modification of the conditions of an appointment under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of this Act or the variation of the area to which an appointment relates;
 - (b) the modification of the conditions of a licence under Chapter 1A of that Part;
 - (c) the termination of such an appointment or the revocation of such a licence;
 - (d) the giving of any directions or consent in pursuance of a condition included in such an appointment by virtue of section 12(1) above or in such a licence by virtue of section 17G(3)(a) or (b) above;
 - (e) the determination of a question referred in pursuance of a condition included in such an appointment by virtue of section 12(2) above or in such a licence by virtue of section 17G(3)(c) above;
 - (f) the making of a determination under section 17E or 66D(1) above; and
 - (g) the making of a final enforcement order, the making or confirmation of a provisional enforcement order or the revocation of a final order or of a provisional order which has been confirmed.

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- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable after making such a decision the Authority, the Secretary of State or the Assembly shall publish a notice stating the reasons for the decision in such manner as it considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing the matters to which the notice relates to the attention of persons likely to be interested.
- (3) A person publishing a notice under subsection (2) above shall serve a copy on the company holding the appointment or licence to which the decision relates.
- (4) A person preparing a notice under subsection (2) above shall have regard to the need for excluding, so far as that is practicable, any matter which relates to the affairs of a particular individual or body of persons (corporate or unincorporate), where he considers that publication of that matter would or might seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of that individual or body.
- (5) This section does not apply in relation to a decision of the Authority resulting in any provision which the Authority was directed under section 195(3) above not to enter in the register required to be kept under that section.”

Commencement Information

II S. 51 in force at 1.4.2005 by S.I. 2005/968, art. 2(j) (with Sch. 2 para. 1)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 52(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(3\)](#)