



Water Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 37

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS

Reservoirs

79 Offences

- (1) Section 22 of the Reservoirs Act 1975 (c. 23) (criminal liability of undertakers and their employees) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), the word “or” at the end of paragraph (a) is omitted, and at the end of paragraph (b) there is inserted “or
 - (c) the undertakers fail to comply with a direction under section 12A above;”.
- (3) After subsection (1) there is inserted—

“(1A) If the undertakers fail without reasonable excuse to comply with a notice under section 12B above, they shall be guilty of an offence and liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine, or to both.”

Commencement Information

11 [S. 79](#) in force at 1.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2528](#), [art. 2\(o\)](#) (with [Sch. para. 8](#))

Changes to legislation:

Water Act 2003, Section 79 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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\(3\)](#)