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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 3442**

**The Water Industry (Prescribed Conditions) Regulations 1999**

**Areas of water scarcity**

3.—(1) The Secretary of State may, on the application of a water undertaker, determine an area to be an area of water scarcity for the purposes of these Regulations if he considers it appropriate to do so having regard to—

- (a) the likely demand for water in that area over the period of 10 years following the application;
- (b) the water resources which are, or could be made, available for meeting that demand; and
- (c) the measures that the undertaker could take for meeting or managing that demand.

(2) A determination under this regulation shall have effect for such period as may be specified by the Secretary of State and may be revoked by him.

(3) Before making or revoking a determination under this regulation, the Secretary of State shall consult—

- (a) the Director;
- (b) the Environment Agency; and
- (c) bodies appearing to him to be representative of the customers of water and sewerage services in the relevant area.