

## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(1)

### RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING

#### Characterisation of river basin district

1.—(1) The Agencies must in accordance with Annex II to the Directive (characterisation, etc of waters) by 22nd December 2004—

- (a) carry out an analysis of the characteristics of the Solway Tweed River Basin District; and
- (b) conduct a review of the impact of human activity on the status of surface water and groundwater in that district.

(2) The results of the work required by sub-paragraph (1) must be periodically reviewed and updated by the Agencies, initially by 22nd December 2013 and thereafter by each sixth anniversary of that date.

#### Economic analysis of water use in river basin district

2.—(1) The Ministers must ensure that an economic analysis of water use in the Solway Tweed River Basin District is carried out by 22nd December 2004 in accordance with Annex III to the Directive (economic analysis).

(2) The Ministers must ensure that the analysis required by sub-paragraph (1) is periodically reviewed and updated, initially by 22nd December 2013 and thereafter by each sixth anniversary of that date.

#### Bodies of water used for the abstraction of drinking water

3.—(1) The Ministers must identify any bodies of water within the Solway Tweed River Basin District which—

- (a) are used for the abstraction of water intended for human consumption and either—
  - (i) provide more than 10 cubic metres of such water per day as an average; or
  - (ii) serve more than 50 persons; or
- (b) are intended to be used for the abstraction of water intended for human consumption to the extent referred to in paragraph (a)(i) or (ii).

(2) In this paragraph, “water intended for human consumption” has the same meaning as in [<sup>F1</sup>Council Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption].

**F1** Words in Sch. 1 para. 3(2) substituted (17.9.2018) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/942\)](#), regs. 1(2), **33(a)**

#### [<sup>F2</sup>Designation of shellfish water protected areas: England

3A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of State may designate an area of coastal or transitional water which is in the Solway Tweed River Basin District and which is wholly in England as a shellfish water protected area by including it in the relevant list.

(2) The relevant list for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) is the list entitled “Shellfish Waters (Solway Tweed) (England) 2016” dated 8th February 2016.

(3) An area of coastal or transitional water may not be included in the relevant list unless the Secretary of State considers that to do so is necessary or desirable to protect or develop economically significant shellfish production.

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(4) The Secretary of State may from time to time review each designation made under subparagraph (1).

(5) The first review under this paragraph must be completed by 22nd December 2021 and afterwards reviews must be completed at intervals not exceeding 6 years.

(6) The Agency must ensure that the relevant list is published on its website and made available to the public at its principal offices.]

**F2** Sch. 1 para. 3A inserted (3.3.2016) by *The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/139)*, reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 6**

### Register of protected areas

4.—(1) The Agencies must for the Solway Tweed River Basin District—

- (a) by 22nd December 2004 prepare, and
- (b) thereafter keep under review and up to date,

a register of the protected areas lying (whether wholly or partly) within the district.

(2) In this paragraph, “protected area” means—

- (a) a body of water which has been identified under paragraph 3; <sup>F3</sup>...

[<sup>F4</sup>(aa) a shellfish water protected area;]

- (b) the areas and bodies of water for the time being designated or otherwise identified as requiring special protection under [<sup>F5</sup>retained EU law] providing for the protection of surface water and groundwater or for the conservation of habitats or species directly depending on water <sup>F6</sup>..., including, in particular—
  - (i) areas designated for the protection of economically significant aquatic species;
  - (ii) bodies of water designated as recreational waters;
  - (iii) nutrient-sensitive areas; and
  - (iv) areas designated for the protection of habitats or species where the maintenance or improvement of the status of water is an important factor in the protection of the habitats or species.

**F3** Word in Sch. 1 para. 4(2)(a) omitted (3.3.2016) by virtue of *The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/139)*, reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 7(a)**

**F4** Sch. 1 para. 4(2)(aa) inserted (3.3.2016) by *The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/139)*, reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 7(b)**

**F5** Words in Sch. 1 para. 4(2)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by *The Floods and Water (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/558)*, regs. 1(1), **11(3)(a)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**F6** Words in Sch. 1 para. 4(2)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of *The Floods and Water (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/558)*, regs. 1(1), **11(3)(a)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

### Monitoring

5.—(1) The Agencies must—

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- (a) establish programmes for monitoring water status in order to establish a coherent and comprehensive overview of water status within the Solway Tweed River Basin District; and
  - (b) take such other action as is necessary to give effect to the relevant monitoring provisions of the Directive [<sup>F7</sup>, the EQS Directive and the Groundwater Directive].
- (2) The monitoring programmes must cover—
- (a) in relation to surface water—
    - (i) the volume and level or rate of flow to the extent relevant to ecological and chemical status and ecological potential; and
    - (ii) ecological and chemical status and ecological potential; and
  - (b) in relation to groundwater, chemical and quantitative status.
- (3) The monitoring programmes must be made operational by 22nd December 2006.
- (4) The relevant monitoring provisions of the Directive referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are set out in the following provisions of Annex V to the Directive—
- (a) points 1.3 to 1.3.6 (monitoring of ecological status, chemical status and ecological potential for surface waters);
  - (b) points [<sup>F8</sup>1.4.1 (excluding points (iv) to (ix)), 1.4.2 and 1.4.3] (classification and presentation of ecological status, chemical status and ecological potential);
  - (c) points 2.2 to 2.2.4 (monitoring of groundwater quantitative status);
  - (d) points 2.4 to 2.4.4 (monitoring of groundwater chemical status); and
  - (e) points 2.4.5 and 2.5 (interpretation and presentation of groundwater status).
- [<sup>F9</sup>(5) The Agencies must maintain, in relation to each shellfish water protected area, a monitoring programme for the purposes of enabling a reliable assessment of whether the shellfish water objectives have been or will be achieved.
- (6) By 22nd December 2018, the Agencies must establish, for the Solway Tweed River Basin District, a monitoring programme in respect of substances 34 to 45 in the table of priority substances.]

**F7** Words in Sch. 1 para. 5(1)(b) inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 8(a)**

**F8** Words in Sch. 1 para. 5(4)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Floods and Water \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/558\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**F9** Sch. 1 para. 5(5)(6) inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 8(b)**

### **Environmental objectives and programme of measures**

**6.—(1)** For the purposes of any river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District which is required by paragraph 7, the Agencies must by such date as the Ministers may direct prepare and submit to the Ministers proposals for—

- (a) environmental objectives for the district; and
  - (b) a programme of measures to be applied in order to achieve those objectives.
- (2) In preparing proposals under sub-paragraph (1), the Agencies must—

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- (a) take account of the characterisation of, and economic analysis of water use in, the district (and any review of the same) carried out under paragraphs 1 and 2; and
  - (b) take such steps as they think fit, or the Ministers may direct, to—
    - (i) provide opportunities for the general public and those persons likely to be interested in or affected by their proposals to participate in discussion and the exchange of information or views in relation to the preparation of those proposals;
    - (ii) publicise their draft proposals to those persons; and
    - (iii) consult those persons in respect of those proposals.
- (3) The Ministers may, having considered any proposals for environmental objectives or for a programme of measures submitted to them in relation to the Solway Tweed River Basin District and any representations received by them in relation to those proposals—
- (a) approve the proposals, or any of them, in the form submitted;
  - (b) approve the proposals, or any of them, either with modifications or subject to such modifications as the Ministers may direct the Agencies to make; or
  - (c) reject the proposals, or any of them;

and, in any case falling within paragraph (b) or (c), must state their reasons for doing so.

(4) Where the Ministers reject any proposals, they must direct the Agencies to resubmit proposals, by such time, if any, as the direction may specify with—

- (a) modifications of such nature as the direction may specify; and
- (b) any further modifications which the Agencies consider appropriate.

(5) The Ministers must ensure that—

- (a) a programme of measures for the Solway Tweed River Basin District is—
  - (i) established by 22nd December 2009;
  - (ii) made operational by 22nd December 2012; and
  - (iii) periodically reviewed and where appropriate updated, initially by 22nd December 2015 and thereafter by each sixth anniversary of that date; and
- (b) in relation to a programme of measures that is updated under paragraph (a)(iii), any new or revised measures are made operational within three years of that updating.

[<sup>F10</sup>(6) Without prejudice to the existing obligations, the Ministers must ensure that a programme of measures updated under sub-paragraph (5)(a)(iii) includes measures with the aim of achieving good surface water chemical status by 22nd December 2021 in relation to substances 2, 5, 15, 20, 22, 23 and 28 in the table of priority substances.]

**F10** Sch. 1 para. 6(6) inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 9](#)

#### [<sup>F11</sup>**Further programmes of measures in relation to certain priority substances**

**6A.**—(1) The Agencies must, by 22nd December 2018, establish a preliminary programme of measures for the Solway Tweed River Basin District in relation to substances 34 to 45 in the table of priority substances.

(2) For the purposes of the programme of measures to be updated under paragraph 6(5)(a)(iii) by 22nd December 2021, the Agencies must, by such date as the Ministers direct, prepare and submit to the Ministers proposals for a final programme of measures, with the aim of achieving good surface

water chemical status in relation to substances 34 to 45 in the table of priority substances by 22nd December 2027 and preventing deterioration in the chemical status of each body of surface water in relation to those substances.

(3) Paragraph 6(2) applies to the preparation by the Agencies of its proposals under sub-paragraph (2) as it does to proposals under paragraph 6(1).

(4) Without prejudice to the existing obligations, the Ministers must ensure that, for the Solway Tweed River Basin District, the programme of measures updated under paragraph 6(5)(a)(iii) by 22nd December 2021 contains measures with the aim of achieving good surface water chemical status in relation to substances 34 to 45 in the table of priority substances by 22nd December 2027 and preventing deterioration in the chemical status of each body of surface water in relation to those substances.

(5) Paragraph 6(3) and (4) apply in relation to proposals for a programme of measures submitted to the Ministers under sub-paragraph (2) as they do to proposals submitted under paragraph 6(1).

(6) The Ministers must ensure that the measures referred to in sub-paragraph (4) are made operational as soon as possible after 22nd December 2021, and at the latest by 22nd December 2024.]

**F11** Sch. 1 para. 6A inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 10**

### River basin management plan

7.—(1) The Agencies must by such date as the Ministers may direct prepare and submit to the Ministers a river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District.

(2) Any river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District must—

(a) relate to such period as the Ministers direct; <sup>F12</sup>...

(b) include the information specified in the relevant provisions of the Directive [<sup>F13</sup>, the EQS Directive and the Groundwater Directive; and]

[<sup>F14</sup>(c) include, in relation to any shellfish water protected area, equivalent information relating to the shellfish water objectives as is required by paragraph 7(3)(d) to be included for the environmental objectives falling within paragraph (a) of the definition of environmental objectives].

(3) The relevant provisions of the Directive for the purposes of this paragraph are—

(a) Article 9(2) and (4) (recovery of the costs of water services);

(b) Annex II, point 1.3(vi) (exclusion of elements from the assessment of ecological status);

(c) the following provisions of Annex V—

(i) points 1.3 and 1.3.4 (confidence and precision in monitoring surface water);

(ii) point 2.4.1 (confidence and precision in monitoring groundwater); and

(iii) points 2.4.5 and 2.5 (presentation of monitoring results for groundwater); and

(d) Annex VII, Part A (elements to be covered in river basin management plans).

[<sup>F15</sup>(3A) The relevant provisions of the EQS Directive for the purposes of this paragraph are—

(a) Article 3(5) (information about monitoring and analysis, including alternative matrices);

(b) Article 4(2) (information relating to mixing zones); and

(c) Article 5(4) (updated inventories).

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(3B) The relevant provisions of the Groundwater Directive for the purposes of this paragraph are—

- (a) Article 3(5) (information on threshold values);
- (b) Article 4(4) (information on the assessment of groundwater chemical status); and
- (c) Article 5(4) and (5) and Part C of Annex II (information on trend assessments).]

[<sup>F16</sup>(3C) Where a provision referred to in sub-paragraphs (3) to (3B) refers to Article 13 of the Directive, that reference is to be read as a reference to Article 13 except in so far as it gives rise to any obligation under Article 15 of the Directive.]

(4) The Ministers must ensure that a river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District approved under paragraph 10 is—

- (a) published by 22nd December 2009; and
- (b) periodically reviewed and where appropriate updated, initially by 22nd December 2015 and thereafter by each sixth anniversary of that date.

**F12** Word in Sch. 1 para. 7(2) omitted (3.3.2016) by virtue of [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(a\)\(i\)](#)

**F13** Words in Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(b) inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(a\)\(ii\)](#)

**F14** Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(c) inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(a\)\(iii\)](#)

**F15** Sch. 1 para. 7(3A)(3B) inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(b\)](#)

**F16** Sch. 1 para. 7(3C) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Floods and Water \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/558\)](#), regs. 1(1), [11\(3\)\(c\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

### **River basin management plan: public participation**

**8.—(1)** The Agencies must in respect of the production of any river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District—

- (a) not less than three years before the beginning of the plan period, publish a statement of—
  - (i) the steps and consultation measures they are to take in connection with the preparation of the plan; and
  - (ii) the dates by which those steps and measures are to be taken;
- (b) not less than two years before the beginning of the plan period, publish a summary of the significant water management matters which they consider arise for consideration in relation to the district; and
- (c) not less than one year before the beginning of the plan period, publish a draft plan.

(2) The Agencies must publish any matter required by sub-paragraph (1) to be published in such manner as the Agencies consider appropriate for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it and must—

- (a) make copies of the statement, summary or draft plan accessible to the public free of charge through their websites and at the relevant offices;
- (b) publish a notice—

- (i) stating the fact of publication;
    - (ii) specifying the arrangements made for making copies of the statement, summary or draft plan available for public inspection; and
    - (iii) stating that any person may make representations to them in relation to the statement, summary or draft plan;
  - (c) consult the persons referred to in sub-paragraph (4);
  - (d) take such steps as they think fit, or the Ministers may direct, to provide opportunities for the general public and the persons referred to in sub-paragraph (4) to participate in discussion and the exchange of information or views in relation to the preparation of the draft plan; and
  - (e) invite the public and the persons referred to in sub-paragraph (4) to make representations in relation to the draft plan.
- (3) A notice required by sub-paragraph (2)(b) must be published—
- (a) in the London Gazette;
  - (b) in the Edinburgh Gazette; and
  - (c) at least once in each of two successive weeks, in one or more newspapers circulating in the Solway Tweed River Basin District.
- (4) The persons to be consulted are—
- (a) the Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers;
  - (b) every responsible authority which has functions exercisable in or in relation to any part of the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - (c) the [<sup>F17</sup>Water Services Regulation Authority] ;
  - (d) the appropriate nature conservation bodies;
  - (e) every local authority any part of whose area is within the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - (f) every local planning authority in England any part of whose area is within the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - (g) every district salmon fishery board any part of whose salmon fishery district is within the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - (h) the River Tweed [<sup>F18</sup>Commission] ;
  - (i) in the case of any part of the Solway Tweed River Basin District which has been designated as a National Park, the National Park authority for that National Park;
  - (j) the harbour authority for each harbour in the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - (k) every navigation authority having functions in relation to any part of the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - (l) every water undertaker or sewerage undertaker any part of whose area is within the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - (m) Scottish Water;
  - (n) any local fisheries committee for a sea fisheries district any part of which lies within the Solway Tweed River Basin District;
  - [<sup>F19</sup>(na) in relation to any shellfish water protected area in the Solway Tweed River Basin District in England, the Food Standards Agency;
  - (nb) in relation to any shellfish water protected area in the Solway Tweed River Basin District in Scotland, Food Standards Scotland;]

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- (o) such persons as appear to the Agencies in relation to the Solway Tweed River Basin District—
    - (i) to be representative of the interests of those carrying on any business which relies upon the water environment;
    - (ii) to have an interest in the protection of the water environment; or
    - (iii) to have an interest in the promotion of flood management; and
  - (p) such other persons as—
    - (i) the Agencies think fit; or
    - (ii) the Ministers may direct.
- (5) In this paragraph—
- (a) “appropriate nature conservation bodies” means the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, English Nature and Scottish Natural Heritage;
  - (b) “district salmon fishery board” and “salmon fishery district” have the meanings given by section 40(1) of the Salmon Act 1986<sup>(1)</sup>;
  - (c) “harbour” and “harbour authority” have the meanings given by section 57 of the Harbours Act 1964<sup>(2)</sup>;
  - (d) “local authority” means, in relation to England, the council of any county, county borough or district and, in relation to Scotland, any council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994<sup>(3)</sup>;
  - (e) “local fisheries committee” and “sea fisheries district” mean a local fisheries committee constituted, and a sea fisheries committee created, by an order under section 1 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966<sup>(4)</sup>;
  - (f) “local planning authority” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990<sup>(5)</sup>;
  - (g) “navigation authority” means any person who has a duty or power under any enactment to work, maintain, conserve, improve or control any canal or other inland navigation, navigable river, estuary, harbour or dock;
  - (h) “the plan period”, in relation to a plan, means the period to which a direction under paragraph 7(2)(a) requires it to relate; and
  - [<sup>F20</sup>(i) “the River Tweed Commission” means the body constituted in accordance with article 5 of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006.]
- (6) The Agencies must take into account any representations relating to a statement, summary or draft plan published in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) which are received by them within the period of six months beginning with the date of publication or such longer period as the Ministers may direct.

**F17** Words in Sch. 1 para. 8(4)(c) substituted (1.4.2006) by [The Water Act 2003 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2035\)](#), regs. 1(5), **23**

**F18** Word in Sch. 1 para. 8(4)(h) substituted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 12(a)**

(1) 1986 c. 62.

(2) 1964 c. 40.

(3) 1994 c. 39.

(4) 1966 c. 38.

(5) 1990 c. 8; section 1 was amended by the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (c. 28), section 187(1) and Schedule 24 and the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25), sections 78 and 120 and Schedules 10 and 24.



- F19** Sch. 1 para. 8(4)(na)(nb) inserted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 12(b)**
- F20** Sch. 1 para. 8(5)(i) substituted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 12(c)**

### **River basin management plan: submission for approval**

**9.**—(1) As soon as any river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District is submitted to the Ministers, the Agencies must—

- (a) make copies of the plan accessible to the public free of charge through their websites and at the relevant offices; and
- (b) publish a notice—
  - (i) stating the fact of submission; and
  - (ii) specifying the arrangements made for making copies of the plan accessible to the public.

(2) The Agencies must ensure that a plan submitted to the Ministers is accompanied by—

- (a) a statement of the steps taken by the Agencies to comply with paragraph 8(1) and (so far as relating to the draft plan) paragraph 8(2) to (4); and
- (b) a summary of the representations referred to in paragraph 8(6) and of any changes made to the plan in light of those representations.

(3) If the Ministers consider in relation to a plan that further action should be taken by the Agencies under paragraph 8(2) to (4), the Ministers may direct the Agencies—

- (a) to take such further steps under those provisions as the Ministers may specify in the direction; and
- (b) to resubmit the plan within such period, if any, as the Ministers may specify in the direction.

(4) Where the Ministers give a direction to the Agencies under sub-paragraph (3), they must state their reasons for doing so.

(5) This paragraph applies in relation to a river basin management plan resubmitted to the Ministers in accordance with a direction under sub-paragraph (3) as it applies to the plan as originally submitted, with the modification that, for the reference in sub-paragraph (3) to paragraph 8(2) to (4), there is substituted a reference to this paragraph.

### **River basin management plan: approval**

**10.**—(1) The Ministers may, having considered any river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District submitted to them and any representations received by them in relation to that plan—

- (a) approve it, in whole or in part, in the form submitted;
- (b) approve it, in whole or in part, either with modifications or subject to such modifications as the Ministers may direct the Agencies to make; or
- (c) reject it;

and, in any case falling within paragraph (b) or (c), must state their reasons for doing so.

(2) Where the Ministers reject a plan, they must direct the Agencies to resubmit the plan, by such time, if any, as the direction may specify, with—

- (a) modifications of such nature as the direction may specify; and

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- (b) any further modifications which the Agencies consider appropriate.
- (3) Where the Ministers approve a plan, the Agencies must publish the approved plan in such manner as the Agencies think fit for the purpose of bringing the plan to the attention of the general public and of those persons likely to be interested in or affected by it and, in particular, must—
  - (a) make copies of the approved plan accessible to the public free of charge through the Agencies' websites and at the relevant offices; and
  - (b) publish a notice—
    - (i) stating that the plan has been approved; and
    - (ii) specifying the arrangements made for making copies of the plan accessible to the general public.

#### **River basin management plan: review**

**11.**—(1) The Agencies must review and update the river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District (including a revised river basin management plan for the district)—

- (a) by no later than six years from the date on which it was approved under paragraph 10; or
- (b) by such earlier date as the Ministers may direct.

(2) Following such a review, the Agencies must prepare and submit to the Ministers a revised river basin management plan for the river basin district by such date as the Ministers may direct.

(3) Paragraphs 7(2) and (3) and 8 to 10 apply in relation to the preparation, submission and approval of a revised river basin management plan.

[<sup>F21</sup>(4) The revised plan must include (in addition to the matters required to be included by paragraph 7(2)(b) and (3))—

- (a) the information specified in Part B of Annex VII to the Directive (additional information for inclusion in updated river basin management plans);
- (b) in relation to any shellfish water protected area, equivalent information relating to the shellfish water objectives as is specified by Part B of Annex VII to the Directive to be included for the objectives referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of environmental objectives.]

**F21** Sch. 1 para. 11(4) substituted (3.3.2016) by [The Water Environment \(Water Framework Directive\) \(Northumbria and Solway Tweed River Basin Districts\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/139\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 13](#)

#### **Supplementary plans**

**12.**—(1) The Agencies may prepare supplementary plans for the purposes of supplementing any river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed River Basin District.

- (2) A plan prepared under sub-paragraph (1) may, for example, relate to—
  - (a) a particular description of body of water;
  - (b) a particular catchment or geographical area;
  - (c) a particular matter relating to, or aspect of, the water environment; or
  - (d) a particular description of user of water resources.

(3) The Agencies must, in relation to the preparation of a supplementary plan, consult such of the persons referred to in paragraph 8(4) and such other persons likely to be interested in or affected by that plan as they think fit, and must take into account any views expressed by those consulted.

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### **Duty of the Secretary of State, the Agency and each public body to have regard to the river basin management plan and any supplementary plan**

13. The Secretary of State, the Agency and each public body must, in exercising their functions so far as affecting the Solway Tweed River Basin District, have regard to—

- (a) the river basin management plan for that district as approved under paragraph 10; and
- (b) any supplementary plan prepared under paragraph 12.

### **Publication of information**

14.—(1) The Agencies must make accessible to the public at their principal offices—

- (a) the results of the work required by paragraph 1 (characterisation of river basin district);
- (b) maps showing bodies of water identified under paragraph 3 (bodies of water used for the abstraction of drinking water);
- (c) the register prepared under paragraph 4 (register of protected areas);
- (d) the results of the programmes established under paragraph 5 (monitoring);
- (e) the environmental objectives and programme of measures proposed or approved under paragraph 6 (environmental objectives and programme of measures); and
- (f) any supplementary plan prepared under paragraph 12 (supplementary plans).

(2) Where the Ministers approve (with or without modifications) proposals made by the Agencies under paragraph 6(1), the Agencies must publish a notice—

- (a) stating that the proposals have been approved; and
- (b) specifying the arrangements made for making the approved objectives and programme of measures accessible to the public.

(3) The Ministers must make accessible to the public through their websites and at their principal offices the results of the analysis conducted under paragraph 2 (economic analysis of water use in river basin district).

<sup>F22</sup>(4) The Ministers must ensure that, no more than three years after publication of an updated river basin management plan under paragraph 11—

- (a) an interim report is produced describing progress in the implementation of the planned programme of measures;
- (b) the report is published in such manner as the Ministers consider appropriate.]

**F22** Sch. 1 para. 14(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Floods and Water (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/558), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(d)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

### **Coordination**

<sup>F23</sup>**14A.** . . . . .

**F23** Sch. 1 para. 14A omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Floods and Water (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/558), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(e)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

### **Provision of information and assistance to the Agency and Secretary of State**

15.—(1) A public body must, on being requested to do so by the Agency, provide the Agency with such information in its possession or under its control and such assistance as the Agency

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may reasonably seek in connection with the exercise of any of the Agency's functions under these Regulations.

(2) Section 202 of the Water Resources Act 1991 (information and assistance in connection with the control of pollution) shall have effect as if functions under these Regulations were functions under the water pollution provisions of that Act.

### **Directions and guidance to public bodies by the Secretary of State**

**16.**—(1) Sections 40 and 122 of the Environment Act 1995<sup>(6)</sup> (directions to the new Agencies) shall have effect as if the power in section 40(2) to give directions included a power—

- (a) for the Secretary of State to give directions to any public body; and
- (b) for the Scottish Ministers to give directions to any responsible authority,

for the purposes of giving effect to [<sup>F24</sup>these Regulations or any other retained EU law which transposed] the Directive.

(2) The Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers may give guidance with respect to the practical implementation of [<sup>F25</sup>these Regulations or any other retained EU law which transposed] the Directive—

- (a) to the Agency or to any other public body, in the case of the Secretary of State; and
- (b) to SEPA or to any responsible authority, in the case of the Scottish Ministers,

and the body or authority to whom guidance is issued shall have regard to it.

**F24** Words in Sch. 1 para. 16(1) inserted (31.12.2020) by *The Floods and Water (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019* (S.I. 2019/558), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(f)(i)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**F25** Words in Sch. 1 para. 16(2) inserted (31.12.2020) by *The Floods and Water (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019* (S.I. 2019/558), regs. 1(1), **11(3)(f)(ii)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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