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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Water Environment (Water Framework  
Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

PART 3

Protected areas

**Register of protected areas**

**10.**—(1) The appropriate agency must, for each river basin district, maintain, review and keep up to date a register of the protected areas lying (whether wholly or partly) within the district.

(2) The register must include the following protected areas—

- (a) a drinking water protected area;
- (b) an area or body of water for the time being designated or otherwise identified as requiring special protection under any EU instrument providing for the protection of surface water and groundwater or for the conservation of habitats or species directly depending on water, or any enactment implementing such an EU instrument, including, in particular—
  - (i) areas designated for the protection of economically significant aquatic species (including shellfish water protected areas);
  - (ii) bodies of water designated as recreational waters;
  - (iii) nutrient-sensitive areas;
  - (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.