
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations apply in relation to services provided by an undertaker whose area is wholly or mainly in Wales.

Under section 144C(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991 (c.56), an owner of residential premises who does not live in those premises is under a duty to arrange for the undertaker to be given information about the occupiers of the premises. Section 144C(3) of that Act provides that a failure by the owner to provide the information will result in the owner becoming jointly and severally liable with the occupiers for water and sewerage charges.

These Regulations make provision about the information that is to be given about the occupiers and about timing and procedure in connection with the provision of that information.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.