



Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

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PART 1

PROTECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 2

RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING

River basin management plans

13 River basin management plans: approval

- (1) After considering a river basin management plan submitted to them under section 10(1) or in pursuance of section 12(3)(b) or subsection (4) of this section, the Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) approve it (in whole or in part and with or without modifications), or
 - (b) reject it.
- (2) Before determining whether or not to approve a plan, the Scottish Ministers may request such further information and carry out such other investigations and consultation as they think fit.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must state their reasons for their determination under subsection (1) in relation to a plan.
- (4) Where the Scottish Ministers reject a plan, they must return the plan to SEPA and direct it to resubmit the plan with—
 - (a) such modifications (if any) as the direction may specify, and
 - (b) any further modifications which SEPA considers appropriate, by such time (if any) as the direction may specify.
- (5) Where the Scottish Ministers approve a plan, SEPA must—

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- (a) publish the approved plan in such manner as it thinks fit,
- (b) make copies of it available for public inspection,
- (c) make copies of it available for sale at a reasonable price, and
- (d) publicise—
 - (i) the publication of the approved plan, and
 - (ii) the arrangements for making copies of it available for public inspection in pursuance of paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

II S. 13 in force at 14.12.2007 by [S.S.I. 2007/530](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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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. 23(5) inserted by [2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8\(6\)\(b\)](#)