



Water Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 21

PART 1

WATER INDUSTRY

CHAPTER 4

RETAIL EXIT: NON-HOUSEHOLD PREMISES

42 Retail exit: non-household premises

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations (“exit regulations”)—
 - (a) make provision for a relevant undertaker whose area is wholly or mainly in England to apply to withdraw from the non-household retail market in relation to that area,
 - (b) make provision about the determination of an application under paragraph (a) (an “exit application”),
 - (c) make provision for and in connection with the transfer of so much of a relevant undertaker's undertaking as relates to the non-household retail market to an eligible licensee or licensees, and
 - (d) make provision about the operation of the water industry in relation to an area in respect of which an exit application has been granted (a “retail exit area”).
- (2) Provision under subsection (1)(a) may require a company that is a water undertaker and a sewerage undertaker to make an exit application that relates both to its functions as a water undertaker and to its functions as a sewerage undertaker, subject to such exceptions as exit regulations may specify.
- (3) Exit regulations may include provision for protecting customers affected by a relevant undertaker's withdrawal from the non-household retail market.
- (4) For the purposes of this Chapter—

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- (a) a reference to a water undertaker withdrawing from the non-household retail market in relation to an area is a reference to a water undertaker ceasing, in relation to that area, to exercise such functions relating to the supply of water to non-household premises as are specified in exit regulations, and
 - (b) a reference to a sewerage undertaker withdrawing from the non-household retail market in relation to an area is a reference to a sewerage undertaker ceasing, in relation to that area, to exercise such functions relating to the provision of sewerage services in respect of non-household premises (including trade effluent functions) as are specified in exit regulations;
- and a reference to the non-household retail market is to be construed accordingly.
- (5) Exit regulations may—
- (a) prohibit a water undertaker from exercising, in relation to a retail exit area, such functions relating to the supply of water to non-household premises as are specified in the regulations;
 - (b) prohibit a sewerage undertaker from exercising, in relation to a retail exit area, such functions relating to the provision of sewerage services in respect of non-household premises (including trade effluent functions) as are specified in the regulations.

Commencement Information

II S. 42 in force at 6.4.2015 by S.I. 2015/773, **art. 2(2)(b)(i)** (with art. 5)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/1288, art. 3(c)(d) by [S.I. 2019/706 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/462, arts. 4, 5 by [S.I. 2017/926 art. 2](#)