

*These notes refer to the Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland)  
2015 (c.8) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2015*

# Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1 – Controlled Reservoirs, Registration and Reservoir Designation**

#### ***Section 23 – Matters to be taken into account under sections 17(3), 18(2), 20(3)(b)(i) and 21(5)(a): further provision***

This section enables the Department, following consultation with the Institution of Civil Engineers and others, by regulations to make further provision as to the matters that may be taken into account when giving a reservoir designation, re-assessment of a designation, review of a designation and appeal against a designation. The regulations may, in particular, make provision as regards a methodology for assessing the probability of an uncontrolled release of water from a reservoir, when the Department is satisfied that an appropriate methodology exists. The regulations may also make further provisions as regards the matters to be taken into account under section 22(1) and amend references in this Act to high consequence, medium consequence and low consequence reservoir designation.