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**The Water Environment (River Basin Management
Planning: Further Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2013**

PART 3

SPECIFIC MEASURES AGAINST POLLUTION OF WATER

Environmental quality standards for bodies of surface water

17.—(1) With the aim of achieving good surface water chemical status, SEPA must apply, in accordance with regulations 3 to 11 and Part 1 (protection of the water environment) of the Act, the environmental quality standards in Part A of Annex I to the Priority Substances Directive for each body of surface water within a river basin district in accordance with Part B of that Annex.

(2) SEPA may, where the Scottish Ministers so direct (in exercise of powers conferred by the Act or any other enactment), apply environmental quality standards for sediments and/or biota instead of those in Part A of Annex I to the Priority Substances Directive in accordance with Article 3(2) of that Directive.

(3) For the purposes of section 8(1) (monitoring) of the Act, SEPA must arrange for the long-term trend analysis of the concentration of those priority substances listed in Part A of Annex I to the Priority Substances Directive which tends to accumulate in sediment and/or biomass.

(4) Each programme of measures must include measures aimed at ensuring, subject to regulations 3 to 11, that concentrations of those priority substances listed in Part A of Annex I to the Priority Substances Directive do not significantly increase in sediment and/or relevant biota.

(5) SEPA must determine the frequency of monitoring in sediment and/or biota so as to provide sufficient data for reliable long-term trend analysis.