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PART 6

Water quality

CHAPTER 4

Retention of functions from the EQS Directive

Power to make provision in relation to environmental quality standards for certain metals

- **33.**—(1) The appropriate authority may, by regulations, make provision specifying how the environmental quality standards set by Part A of Annex 1 to the EQS Directive for cadmium, lead, mercury and nickel are to be applied.
 - (2) The provision which may be made under paragraph (1) includes—
 - (a) requiring a reference to paragraph 3 of Part B of Annex 1 to the EQS Directive (or a reference which encompasses that paragraph) to be read as a reference to that paragraph with modifications;
 - (b) amending provision which corresponds to that made by paragraph 3 of Part B of Annex 1 to the EQS Directive.
 - (3) Regulations under paragraph (1) may amend the WEWS Act or any subordinate legislation.
- (4) The appropriate authority may only exercise the power in paragraph (1) to the extent that the authority considers it is appropriate to do so as a result of scientific and technical progress.