



Water Resources Act 1963

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PART X

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

103 Protection of duty of statutory water undertakers to supply water for domestic and public purposes

- (1) In the performance of their functions under subsections (1) and (2) of section 14 of this Act, a river authority shall have particular regard to the duty of any relevant statutory water undertakers to provide supplies of water to which this section applies.
- (2) This section applies to the following supplies of water, that is to say—
 - (a) a supply of water for domestic purposes, and
 - (b) a supply of water for any such purpose as is mentioned in section 32 or section 37 of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1945 (which relate respectively to supplies for extinguishing fires and to supplies for cleansing sewers, drains and highways and for similar purposes).
- (3) In subsection (1) of this section " relevant statutory water undertakers " means any statutory water undertakers who fulfil any one or more of the following conditions, that is to say—
 - (a) that any part of the area of the river authority falls within their limits of supply;
 - (b) that they are the holders of a licence under this Act to abstract water from a source of supply in that area;
 - (c) that they have made an application to the river authority for such a licence or have given notice to the river authority of their intention to make such an application;
 - (d) that they receive a supply of water in bulk from any statutory water undertakers who fulfil the condition specified in paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) of this subsection.
- (4) In dealing with any application or appeal by statutory water undertakers under Part IV of this Act, and in formulating, proceeding with or considering any proposals

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for the variation or revocation of a licence under this Act of which statutory water undertakers are the holders, a river authority or the Minister, as the case may be, shall have particular regard to the duty of those undertakers, and of any statutory water undertakers who receive a supply of water in bulk from those undertakers, to provide supplies of water to which this section applies.

- (5) In this section "duty " means a duty imposed by or under an enactment, and " a supply of water for domestic purposes ", " supply of water in bulk " and " limits of supply " have the same meanings as in Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1945.