



Water Resources Act 1963

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PART III

ASSESSMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND RELATED MATTERS

20 Periodical review of minimum acceptable flows

- (1) Each river authority shall keep under review any statement of minimum acceptable flows relating to inland waters in their area (being a statement approved under the last preceding section or under this section) and shall at the requisite intervals submit to the Minister—
 - (a) any such draft statement, in substitution for a statement of minimum acceptable flows for the time being in force, or
 - (b) such proposals for amending any statement of minimum acceptable flows for the time being in force,as they consider appropriate in consequence of the review.
- (2) For the purposes of the preceding subsection each river basin in a river authority area shall be dealt with separately, but all inland waters comprised in any one such basin shall be taken together, and time shall be reckoned from the earliest date on which a statement under the last preceding section relating to any one or more inland waters in the river basin in question was approved; and the requisite intervals for those purposes, in relation to inland waters comprised in any such river basin, shall be such intervals, not exceeding seven years, as the river authority consider appropriate.
- (3) The provisions of subsections (2) to (5) of the last preceding section shall apply (with the necessary modifications) to draft statements and proposals under this section.
- (4) The provisions of Part I, and, where applicable, Part IV, of Schedule 7 to this Act shall have effect with respect to draft statements under subsection (1) (a) of this section and with respect to the approval of statements submitted as draft statements thereunder; and the provisions of Part II, and, where applicable, Part IV, of that Schedule shall have effect with respect to proposals under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) In the following provisions of this Act, any reference to the minimum acceptable flow, in relation to an inland water, is a reference to that flow as specified in a statement approved under the last preceding section or under this section, in the form in which (whether as originally approved or as subsequently amended) that statement is for the time being in force.