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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

RESERVOIRS

High-risk reservoirs

7 After section 2 (registration) insert—

"2A Consideration of risk and provisional designation: England and Wales

- (1) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the registration of a large raised reservoir under section 2 [F1the appropriate agency] shall consider whether the reservoir is to be designated as a high-risk reservoir (applying the criteria set out in section 2C).
- (2) [F1The appropriate agency] may—
 - (a) make a provisional designation by giving notice to the undertaker, or
 - (b) notify the undertaker that the reservoir is not designated as a high-risk reservoir.
- (3) A provisional designation notice must specify—
 - (a) the reasons for the provisional designation,
 - (b) how representations to [F1 the appropriate agency] may be made, and
 - (c) the period within which those representations may be made.
- (4) The Minister may by order specify a minimum period within which representations may be made under subsection (3)(c).

2B Designation

- (1) [FIThe appropriate agency] may designate a large raised reservoir as a highrisk reservoir by giving notice confirming a provisional designation to the undertaker.
- (2) In deciding whether to confirm a provisional designation [FI the appropriate agency] must have regard to the representations made in accordance with section 2A.
- (3) A notice under subsection (1) may not be given before the end of the period within which representations may be made under section 2A(3)(c).
- (4) The notice must—
 - (a) specify the provisional notice to which it relates,
 - (b) specify the reasons for the designation,
 - (c) give information about the procedure for bringing an appeal under regulations under section 2E,

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- (d) specify the period within which an appeal may be brought, and
- (e) specify the date on which the designation takes effect, which must be after the end of the period specified under paragraph (d).

2C Meaning of "high-risk reservoir"

- (1) [FIThe appropriate agency] may designate a large raised reservoir as a high-risk reservoir if—
 - (a) [F1the appropriate agency] thinks that, in the event of an uncontrolled release of water from the reservoir, human life could be endangered, and
 - (b) the reservoir does not satisfy the conditions (if any) specified in regulations made by the Minister.
- (2) The conditions specified in regulations under subsection (1)(b) may, in particular, include conditions as to—
 - (a) the purpose for which the reservoir is used,
 - (b) the materials used to construct the reservoir,
 - (c) the way in which the reservoir is constructed, and
 - (d) the maintenance of the reservoir.
- (3) Sections 10 to 12 make provision about requirements for inspection, monitoring and supervision of high-risk reservoirs.
- (4) References in this Act to a "high-risk reservoir" are references to a large raised reservoir that has been designated under section 2B as a high-risk reservoir.

2D Review

- (1) [F1The appropriate agency] must carry out a review if it thinks that—
 - (a) the designation of a large raised reservoir as a high-risk reservoir may have ceased to be appropriate, or
 - (b) it may be appropriate to designate a large raised reservoir as a high-risk reservoir.
- (2) Sections 2A to 2C apply following a review as they apply following the registration of a reservoir.

2E Appeals

- (1) The Minister must by regulations provide a right of appeal against designations under section 2B.
- (2) The regulations must—
 - (a) confer jurisdiction on the Minister, a court or a tribunal, and
 - (b) make provision about procedure.
- (3) Where an appeal against a designation is brought—
 - (a) the designation is suspended while the appeal is pending;
 - (b) the person or body hearing the appeal may cancel the designation."

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Textual Amendments

F1 Words in Sch. 4 para. 7 substituted (1.4.2013) by The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 (No. 755), art. 1(2), Sch. 2 para. 468(2)(a) (with Sch. 7)

Commencement Information

- II Sch. 4 para. 7 in force at 1.10.2011 for specified purposes by S.I. 2011/2204, art. 3(1)(e)
- I2 Sch. 4 para. 7 in force at 30.7.2013 for E. so far as not already in force by S.I. 2013/1590, art. 3(b)

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