



Public Health Act 1936

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PART IV

WATER SUPPLY.

General duties and powers of local authority.

111 Duty of local authority with respect to water supplies within their district.

It shall be the duty of every local authority—

- (i) to take from time to time such steps as may be necessary for ascertaining the sufficiency and wholesomeness of the water supplies within their district; and
- (ii) for the purpose of securing, so far as is reasonably practicable, that every house and school has available within a reasonable distance a sufficient supply of wholesome water for domestic purposes—
 - (a) to provide a supply of water to every part of their district in which danger to health arises from the insufficiency or un-wholesomeness of the existing supply, and a general scheme of supply is required and can be carried out at a reasonable cost; and
 - (b) without prejudice to their obligations under the preceding subparagraph, to exercise their powers under this Part of this Act of requiring owners of houses to provide a supply of water thereto.

112 Power to supply water for non-domestic purposes.

A local authority who supply water under this Act for domestic purposes may supply water for any other purposes.

113 Power of local authority in certain circumstances to supply water to premises outside their district.

If the Minister is satisfied that the owners or occupiers of premises in any area outside the district of a local authority who supply water under this Act desire to obtain a

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supply of water from that authority, and that the giving of the supply is not likely to interfere with the supply of water for domestic or other purposes within the district of that authority, he may, on the application of that authority, and with the consent of the local authority within whose district, and of any statutory water undertakers within whose limits of supply, the area is situate, by order authorise the applicants to supply water in that area, or any part thereof, on such conditions as may be specified in the order:

Provided that consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, and any question whether or not consent is unreasonably withheld shall be referred to the Minister, whose decision shall be final.

114 Power of local authority to supply water in bulk to adjoining authority.

A local authority who supply water under this Act may with the approval of the Minister furnish a supply of water in bulk to the local authority of an adjoining district on such terms as may be agreed:

Provided that the Minister shall not approve the furnishing of such a supply unless he is satisfied that it is not likely to interfere with the supply of water for domestic or other purposes within the district of the supplying authority.

115 Purity of water for domestic supply.

A local authority who supply water under this Act shall secure that the water in any waterworks belonging to them from which water is supplied for domestic purposes is wholesome.