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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 339**

**WATER INDUSTRY, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Trade Effluents (Prescribed Processes  
and Substances) Regulations 1992**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>20th February 1992</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>28th February 1992</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>20th March 1992</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 138(1) of the Water Industry Act 1991<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Trade Effluents (Prescribed Processes and Substances) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 20th March 1992.

**Trade effluent derived from prescribed processes**

2. Trade effluent which derives from any process which occasions liquid discharges containing trichloroethylene or perchloroethylene in quantities of thirty kilogrammes per year or more shall be special category effluent for the purposes of Chapter III of Part IV of the Water Industry Act 1991.

19th February 1992

*Michael Heseltine*  
Secretary of State for the Environment

20th February 1992

*David Hunt*  
Secretary of State for Wales

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(1) 1991 c. 56. See the definition of "prescribed" in section 219(1).

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The discharge of special category effluent is subject to control by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Chapter III of Part IV of the Water Industry Act 1991.

These Regulations provide that trade effluent derived from any process which occasions liquid discharges of trichloroethylene or perchloroethylene in quantities of thirty kilogrammes or more per year shall be special category effluent for the purposes of that Chapter.

The Regulations are made in order to implement Council Directive [90/415/EEC](#)(2) in relation to the discharge to sewer of trichloroethylene or perchlorethylene.

Council Directive [90/415/EEC](#) amends Annex II to Council Directive [86/280/EEC](#)(3) on limit values and quality objectives for discharges of certain dangerous substances included in List I of the Annex to Council Directive [76/464/EEC](#)(4).

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(2) OJNo. L 219, 14.8.90, p.49.

(3) OJ No. L 181, 4.7.86, p.16.

(4) OJ No. L 129, 18.5.76, p.23.