

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1623

The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Regulation 2 (interpretation)

3.—(1) In regulation 2(1)—

- (a) omit the definition of “the Assembly”;
- (b) for the definition of “the Directive”, substitute—

““the Directive” means Directive [2000/60/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23rd October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy ^{M1}”;
- (c) in the definition of “environmental objectives”, after “(waters used for the abstraction of drinking water)”, insert “, and the EQS Directive ”;
- (d) in the definition of “public body”, for “or the Assembly” substitute “, the Welsh Ministers, the First Minister for Wales or the Counsel General to the Welsh Government ”;
- (e) insert each of the following in the appropriate place—

““the EQS Directive” means Directive [2008/105/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy ^{M2}”;

““existing obligations” means the obligations (on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy) under Directive [2008/105/EC](#) (“the original Directive”) before it was amended by Directive 2013/39/EU including, in particular, the achievement of good surface water chemical status in relation to the substances and the associated environmental quality standards listed in the original Directive;”;

““the table of priority substances” means the table in Part A of Annex I to the EQS Directive;”.

(2) In regulation 2(1B)—

- (a) in the opening words and in paragraphs (a) and (b), omit each “and each of its principal regional offices”; and
- (b) in paragraph (c), omit “and each of their principal regional offices”.

Marginal Citations

M1 OJ No L 327, 22.12.2000, p1, as last amended by Commission Directive 2014/101/EU (OJ No L 311, 31.10.2014, p32). The effect of section 20A of the [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c.30\)](#) is that the updated reference to Directive 2000/60/EC is to that Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2014/101/EU.

M2 OJ No L 348, 24.12.2008, p84, as last amended by Directive 2013/39/EU (OJ No L 226, 24.8.2013, p1).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, Section 3.