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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 138**

**The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive)  
(England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016**

**Amendment of regulation 2 (interpretation)**

3.—(1) In regulation 2(1)—

- (a) in the definition of “appropriate agency”, before “means” insert “, except as provided for by regulation 7A(8),”;
- (b) in the definition of “appropriate authority”, before “means” insert “, except as provided for by regulation 7A(8),”;
- (c) for the definition of “environmental objectives” substitute—

““environmental objectives”, in relation to a river basin district, means—

- (a) the objectives required to comply with Article 4 of the Directive (environmental objectives) including any objectives required to comply with Article 7(2) and (3) of the Directive (waters used for the abstraction of drinking water), and the EQS Directive; and
- (b) in relation to a shellfish water protected area, without prejudice to the objectives under paragraph (a) for the river basin district in which the shellfish water protected area is situated, the water quality objectives necessary or desirable to improve or protect that shellfish water protected area in order to support shellfish life and growth and to contribute to the high quality of shellfish products suitable for human consumption;”;

(d) after the definition of “river basin district”, insert—

““shellfish” means any bivalve or gastropod mollusc;

“shellfish water objectives” means the objectives referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of environmental objectives;

“shellfish water protected area” means an area of water designated under regulation 7A(1);”.

(2) In regulation 2(1A), before “statement” insert “list,”; and

(3) In regulation 2(1B), before “statement” insert “list,”.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, Section 3.