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PART 6

River basin management plans

**River basin management plans: content**

- 27.—(1) A river basin management plan must—
- (a) relate to such period as the appropriate authority may direct;
  - (b) include the information required by the relevant provisions of the WFD, the GWD and the EQSD specified in paragraphs (2) to (4);
  - (c) in relation to any shellfish water protected area, include the information required by paragraph (2)(d) in relation to protected areas.
- (2) The relevant provisions of the WFD are—
- (a) Article 9(2) and (4) (recovery of the costs of water services);
  - (b) Annex II, section 1.3(vi) (exclusion of elements from the assessment of ecological status);
  - (c) the following provisions of Annex V—
    - (i) points 1.3 and 1.3.4 (confidence and precision in monitoring surface water);
    - (ii) point 2.4.1 (confidence and precision in monitoring groundwater);
    - (iii) points 2.4.5 and 2.5 (presentation of monitoring results for groundwater);
  - (d) Annex VII, Parts A and B (elements to be covered in river basin management plans).
- (3) The relevant provisions of the GWD are—
- (a) Article 3(5) and (6) (the threshold values and revisions to them);
  - (b) Article 4(4) (summary of assessment of groundwater chemical status);
  - (c) Article 5(4) and (5) (trend assessment and starting points);
  - (d) Annex II Part C (how groundwater threshold values have been set);
  - (e) Annex III, point 5 (maps showing exceedances).
- (4) The relevant provisions of the EQSD are—
- (a) Article 3(5) (information about monitoring and analysis, including alternative matrices);
  - (b) Article 4(2) (information relating to mixing zones);
  - (c) Article 5(4) (updated inventories).