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PART 6

Water quality

CHAPTER 1

Introductory

Interpretation of Part 6: general

24.—(1) In this Part—

“the WEWS Act” means the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003⁽¹⁾;

“the Sewage Sludge Directive” means Council [Directive 86/278/EEC](#) on the protection of the environment, and in particular of the soil, when sewage sludge is used in agriculture⁽²⁾;

“the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive” means Council [Directive 91/271/EEC](#) concerning urban waste water treatment⁽³⁾;

“the Nitrates Directive” means Council [Directive 91/676/EEC](#) concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources⁽⁴⁾;

“the Drinking Water Directive” means [Directive 1998/83/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption⁽⁵⁾;

“the Water Framework Directive” means [Directive 2000/60/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework in the field of water policy⁽⁶⁾;

“the Bathing Water Directive” means [Directive 2006/7/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the management of bathing water quality⁽⁷⁾;

“the Groundwater Directive” means [Directive 2006/118/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration⁽⁸⁾;

“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⁽⁹⁾.

(2) In Chapters 2 and 3, “body of groundwater” and “body of surface water” have the meaning given by the Water Framework Directive.

(1) [2003 asp 3](#).

(2) OJ No L 181, 4.7.1986, p. 6, as last amended by Decision (EU) 2018/853 (OJ No L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 155).

(3) OJ No L 135, 30.5.1991, p. 40, as last corrected by a corrigendum (OJ No L 189, 17.7.2005, p. 41).

(4) OJ No L 375, 31.12.1991, p. 1, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1137/2008 (OJ No L 311, 21.11.2008, p. 1).

(5) OJ No L 330, 5.12.1998, p. 32, as last amended by Commission [Directive 2015/1787/EU](#) (OJ No L 260, 7.10.2015, p. 6).

(6) OJ No L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1, as last amended by Commission [Directive 2014/101/EU](#) (OJ No L 311, 31.10.2014, p. 32).

(7) OJ No L 64, 4.3.2006, p. 37, as last amended by Council [Directive 2013/641/EU](#) (OJ No L 353, 28.12.2013, p. 8).

(8) OJ No L 372, 27.12.2006, p. 19, as last amended by Commission [Directive 2014/80/EU](#) (OJ No L 182, 21.6.2014, p. 52).

(9) OJ No L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 84, as last amended by [Directive 2013/39/EU](#) (OJ No L 226, 24.8.2013, p. 1).

Meaning of appropriate authority

- 25.**—(1) In this Part, “appropriate authority” has the meaning given by this regulation.
- (2) The “appropriate authority” is—
- (a) for regulations applying in relation to England, the Secretary of State;
 - (b) for regulations applying in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
 - (c) for regulations applying in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;
 - (d) for regulations applying in relation to Northern Ireland, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
- (3) But the appropriate authority is the Secretary of State if consent is given by—
- (a) for regulations applying in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
 - (b) for regulations applying in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;
 - (c) for regulations applying in relation to Northern Ireland, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

Meaning of appropriate agency

- 26.** In this Part, except where otherwise specified, the “appropriate agency” means—
- (a) for regulations applying in relation to England, the Environment Agency;
 - (b) for regulations applying in relation to Wales, the Natural Resources Body for Wales;
 - (c) for regulations applying in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency;
 - (d) for regulations applying in relation to Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.