STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# The Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 F1

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# THE WATER (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1999

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# SCHEDULES

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#### Application for consent

1. (1) An application for a discharge consent— (a) shall be made to the Department on...

#### Consultation in connection with applications

1A (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Department shall give notice of any application under paragraph...

### Consideration and determination of applications

2. (1) On an application under paragraph 1 the Department shall be under a duty, if...

# Public inquiries

3. (1) For the purpose of considering representations made in respect of an application made under...

# Consents without applications

4. (1) If it appears to the Department— (a) that a person has discharged effluent or...

# Revocation of consents and alteration and imposition of conditions

5. (1) The Department may from time to time review any discharge consent given under paragraph...

Restriction on variation and revocation of consent and previous variation

6. (1) Each instrument signifying the consent of the Department under paragraph 2 or 4 shall...

#### Applications for variation

7. (1) The holder of a discharge consent given under paragraph 2 or 4 may apply...

# Transfer of consents

8. (1) A discharge consent given under paragraph 2 or 4 may be transferred by the...

# SCHEDULE 2 — ORDERS CONFERRING COMPULSORY POWERS FOR EXECUTING WORKS

- 1. Before making an order under Article 23(2) the Department shall prepare a draft of the...
- 2. Not later than the date on which the notice is first published in pursuance of...
- 3. The Department shall also publish in the Belfast Gazette a notice stating that the draft...
- 4. The Department shall, at the request of any person, furnish him with a copy of...
- 5. The Department may make the order in the terms of the draft or in those...
- 6. (1) If before the end of the period of 28 days referred to in paragraph...
- 7. (1) If the value of any estate in land to which this sub-paragraph applies is...

# SCHEDULE 3 — MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE 6 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972 FOR PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 24(3) AND 48(3)

- 1. References to the Ministry or to the council shall be construed as references to the...
- 2. References to Schedule 6 to the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall be construed...
- 3. Omit paragraph 1.
- 4. In paragraph 2— (a) for the words from the beginning to "directs" substitute the words...
- 5. In paragraph 3(1)(ii) for the word "refuse" substitute the words "decide not".
- 6. In paragraph 4 omit the words from "and may provide" onwards.
- 7. In paragraph 5— (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) omit the words "in the prescribed form and...
- 8. In paragraph 6(2) for the words "fund out of which the expenses of the council...
- 9. In paragraph 11(3) omit the words "in the prescribed form".
- 10. In paragraph 12— (a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit the words "such" and "as may be...
- 11. In paragraph 14(1) omit the words "in the prescribed form".
- 12. In paragraph 15(1) for the words "in the prescribed form" substitute the words "in such...
- 13. Omit paragraph 19.
- 14. Omit paragraph 20(2).

SCHEDULE 4 — DESCRIPTION OF CANAL WORKS, ETC.

- 1. Clearing of waterways, including— (a) the removal of obstructions, including fallen or ingrowing trees, refuse...
- 2. Works in connection with waterways, including— (a) the cleansing, widening, deepening, covering or otherwise improving...
- 3. New construction, including— (a) the diversion of waterways; (b) the cutting through of "U" or...
- 4. Removal, alteration or improvement of artificial objects such as sluices, dams, sea defence works, pumping...
- 5. Sea defence works.
- 6. The operation of any works described in this Schedule.
- 7. Such other works or classes of works as may be considered by the Department to...

SCHEDULE 5 — Provisions of the Drainage Order applied for the purposes of environmental impact assessment of canal schemes

- PART 1 Provisions of the Drainage Order applied by Article 45(1)
- 1. The provisions of the Drainage Order applied by Article 45(1) of this Order are as...
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- 2. The provisions of the Drainage Order applied by Article 45(1A) of this Order are as...

PART 3 — Modifications of the provisions applied by Parts 1 and 2

3. The provisions of the Drainage Order specified in Parts 1 and 2 of this Schedule...

SCHEDULE 6 — PROCEDURE FOR MAKING ORDERS UNDER ARTICLE 57(1)

- 1. Where the Department proposes to adopt a water management programme by order under Article 57(1),...
- 2. The Department shall, if so requested by any person, furnish him with a copy of...
- 3. The Department may alter the terms of the draft programme in such manner as the...
- 4. If, before the end of the period of 28 days referred to in paragraph 1,...
- 5. Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 apply in relation to an...
- 6. An objection shall not be made to the Appeals Commission in respect of any watercourse...
- 7. After the expiry of the period of 28 days referred to in paragraph 1 and,...
- 8. If the Department adopt a water management programme under Article 57(1), the Department shall make...
- 9. In this Schedule "designated watercourse" and "watercourse" have the meanings assigned by Article 2(2) of...

- Schedule 7—Amendments Schedule 8—Repeals Schedule 8—Repeals

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.