
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Water Environment (Floods Directive)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

Preliminary flood risk assessments

5.—(1) The Department shall prepare a preliminary flood risk assessment for the river basin district and the part of each international river basin district lying within Northern Ireland.

(2) In the case of an international river basin district the Department shall ensure that relevant information is exchanged with the relevant competent authority in the Republic of Ireland, in connection with the preparation of a preliminary flood risk assessment under paragraph (1).

(3) A preliminary flood risk assessment shall be prepared by 22nd December 2011.

(4) A preliminary flood risk assessment—

(a) shall be prepared to provide an assessment of potential risks; and

(b) shall be based on available or readily derivable information such as records and studies on long term developments (including, in particular, information on any impact of climate change on the occurrence of floods).

(5) A preliminary flood risk assessment shall include the matters mentioned in Schedule 2.

(6) A preliminary flood risk assessment and any map included in it by virtue of paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, may also include such other information as the Department considers appropriate.