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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 7

#### FURTHER AMENDMENTS

##### *Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)*

- 20 (1) Section 17J (general modification of standard conditions) is amended as follows.
- (2) For the title there is substituted “ Modification of standard conditions ”.
- (3) In subsection (1) (power of Authority to modify standard conditions), for the words from “may modify” to the end there is substituted “may modify—
- (a) the standard conditions of water supply licences, or
  - (b) the standard conditions of sewerage licences.”
- (4) After subsection (1) there is inserted—
- “(1A) Modifications may relate to—
- (a) standard conditions contained in all water supply licences or sewerage licences, or
  - (b) standard conditions contained in those water supply licences or sewerage licences that grant a particular authorisation or combination of authorisations.”
- (5) In subsection (2) (power to make incidental and consequential modifications)—
- (a) for “retail licences or combined licences” there is substituted “ water supply licences or sewerage licences ”;
  - (b) for “any licence of that description” there is substituted “ any licence so affected ”.
- (6) In subsection (4)(b) (persons to be served with notice of proposed modifications), in sub-paragraph (iv), at the beginning there is inserted “if the notice relates to a water supply licence,”.
- (7) In subsection (5) (direction not to modify a standard condition), the words “(after consulting the Assembly)” are repealed.
- (8) After subsection (5) there is inserted—
- “(5A) The Secretary of State is to consult the Welsh Ministers before giving a direction under subsection (5) in relation to a water supply licence.”
- (9) In subsection (6) (modification conditional on views of relevant licence holders), for “retail licences or combined licences” there is substituted “ water supply licences or sewerage licences ”.

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- (10) In subsection (8) (preconditions for modification of standard condition), in paragraph (c), after “a water supply licence” there is inserted “ or, as the case may be, a sewerage licence ”.
- (11) In subsection (10) (consultation with Welsh Ministers), after “subsection (6) above” there is inserted “ in relation to the standard conditions of water supply licences ”.
- (12) In subsection (12) (changed standard conditions to be used in new licences)—
- (a) for “retail licences or combined licences” there is substituted “ water supply licences or sewerage licences ”;
  - (b) in paragraph (a), for “licences of that description” there is substituted “ water supply licences or, as the case may be, sewerage licences ”;
  - (c) after paragraph (b) there is inserted—  

“Where the Authority modifies the standard conditions of water supply licences or sewerage licences that grant particular authorisations or combinations of authorisations, paragraph (a) has effect only as regards licences granting the same authorisations or combinations of authorisations.”
- (13) In subsection (13) (meaning of “relevant licence holder”), for “retail licences or combined licences” there is substituted “ water supply licences or sewerage licences or of such of those licences as grant a particular authorisation or combination of authorisations ”.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Sch. 7 para. 20 in force at 1.4.2016 by S.I. 2016/465, art. 2(m), **Sch. 1 para. 1(j)** (with Sch. 2)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/1288, art. 3(c)(d) by [S.I. 2019/706 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/462, arts. 4, 5 by [S.I. 2017/926 art. 2](#)