
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1st April 2006 in England and Wales certain provisions of the Water Act 2003 (“the Act”), and makes transitional provision and savings in respect of some of those provisions.

The provisions of Part 1 of the Act brought into force by these Regulations relate to the licensing of abstraction and impounding of water.

The provisions of Part 3 of the Act brought into force by these Regulations enable the Secretary of State to make regulations and give directions in relation to water resources management plans.

Transitional provisions and savings consequential upon the coming into force of certain provisions in Part 1 of the Act are made in the Schedule to this Order.