
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Flood Risk Regulations 2009

PART 3

FLOOD HAZARD MAPS AND FLOOD RISK MAPS

Flood hazard maps

- 20.**—(1) A flood hazard map is a map which identifies flood risk areas and shows—
- (a) the likely extent (including water level or depth) of possible floods,
 - (b) the likely direction and speed of flow of possible floods, and
 - (c) whether the probability of each possible flood occurring is low, medium or high (in the opinion of the person preparing the map).
- (2) The floods to be included are those for which a significant flood risk has been identified under regulation 13 or 14.
- (3) But the following may be ignored—
- (a) a medium or high probability flood caused only by groundwater,
 - (b) a medium or high probability flood which would affect only an area of coastline that, in the opinion of the person preparing the map, is adequately protected against flooding.
- (4) In paragraph (3) “groundwater” means water which is below the surface of the ground and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation—
- (a) the probability of a flood occurring is low if the chances of it occurring in any 12 month period are 0.1% or less,
 - (b) the probability of a flood occurring is medium if the chances of it occurring in any 12 month period are more than 0.1% but not more than 1%, and
 - (c) the probability of a flood occurring is high if the chances of it occurring in any 12 month period are more than 1%.
- (6) The information included in a flood hazard map must not be inconsistent with the information included in the river basin management plan for the district.
- (7) In this regulation and regulation 21 “river basin management plan” means a river basin management plan prepared under regulation 11 of the Water Environment Regulations.
- (8) A lead local flood authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Environment Agency about the form of flood hazard maps.