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Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

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WATER (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1999

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- (1) The Department may from time to time review any...

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- (1) Each instrument signifying the consent of the Department under...

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- (1) A discharge consent given under paragraph 2 or 4...

SCHEDULE 2 — ORDERS CONFERRING COMPULSORY POWERS FOR EXECUTING WORKS

- Before making an order under Article 23(2) the Department shall...
- Not later than the date on which the notice is...
- The Department shall also publish in the Belfast Gazette a...
- The Department shall, at the request of any person, furnish...
- The Department may make the order in the terms of...
- (1) If before the end of the period of 28...
- (1) If the value of any estate in land to...

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

- References to the Ministry or to the council shall be...
- References to Schedule 6 to the Local Government Act (Northern...
- Omit paragraph 1.
- In paragraph 2— (a) for the words from the beginning...
- In paragraph 3(1)(ii) for the word “refuse” substitute the words...
- In paragraph 4 omit the words from “and may provide”...
- In paragraph 5— (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) omit the words...
- In paragraph 6(2) for the words “fund out of which...”
- In paragraph 11(3) omit the words “in the prescribed form”...
- In paragraph 12— (a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit the words...
- In paragraph 14(1) omit the words “in the prescribed form”...
- In paragraph 15(1) for the words “in the prescribed form”...
- Omit paragraph 19.
- Omit paragraph 20(2).

SCHEDULE 4 — DESCRIPTION OF CANAL WORKS, ETC.

- Clearing of waterways, including— (a) the removal of obstructions, including...
- Works in connection with waterways, including— (a) the cleansing, widening,...
- New construction, including— (a) the diversion of waterways;
- Removal, alteration or improvement of artificial objects such as sluices,...
- Sea defence works.
- The operation of any works described in this Schedule.
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SCHEDULE 6 — PROCEDURE FOR MAKING ORDERS UNDER ARTICLE 57(1)

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2. Either Department shall, if so requested by any person, furnish...
3. The Departments may alter the terms of the draft programme...
4. If, before the end of the period of 28 days...
5. Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 3 of Schedule 1...
6. An objection shall not be made to the Appeals Commission...
7. After the expiry of the period of 28 days referred...
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SCHEDULE 7 — AMENDMENTS

The Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c. 17 (N.I.))

The Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 1)

The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 2)

The Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (NI 19)

The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 1)

The Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (c. 12)

The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 2)

The Industrial Pollution Control (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 18)

The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 19)

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Explanatory Note