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### 2.1 Name and address of competent authorities

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## **2.1.1 Legal status of the competent authorities**

### **The legislation establishing the competent authority**

#### **England**

The Secretary of State is legally part of the Crown and is not established in legislation.

The Environment Agency is a non-departmental public body established by the Environment Act 1995

[http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/Ukpga\\_19950025\\_en\\_1.htm](http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/Ukpga_19950025_en_1.htm)

#### **Wales**

The National Assembly for Wales was established by the Government of Wales Act 1998

<http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/19980038.htm>

The Environment Agency is a non-departmental public body established by the Environment Act 1995

[http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/Ukpga\\_19950025\\_en\\_1.htm](http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/Ukpga_19950025_en_1.htm)

#### **Scotland**

The Scottish Ministers means the members of the Scottish Executive collectively. The Scottish Executive was established by the Scotland Act 1998.

<http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/19980046.htm>

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency is a non-departmental public body, established by the Environment Act 1995

[http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/Ukpga\\_19950025\\_en\\_1.htm](http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/Ukpga_19950025_en_1.htm)

#### **Northern Ireland**

The Department of the Environment was established under Article 3 of the Ministries (NI) Order 1973 No. 2161 (N.I. 24). The Departments (NI) Order 1999 (N.I. 1) repealed the Ministries (NI) Order 1973 but contained a saving in Article 3 (3) providing for the continuing in existence of the Department of the Environment.

[http://www.northernireland-legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/legislation/northernireland/nistr/yeargroups/1990-1999/1999/1999oic/no283\\_000.htm#SOD](http://www.northernireland-legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/legislation/northernireland/nistr/yeargroups/1990-1999/1999/1999oic/no283_000.htm#SOD)

#### **Gibraltar**

Ministers of the Government of Gibraltar are appointed on the basis of The Gibraltar Constitution Order 1969.

## **The legislation laying down the duties of the competent authority in relation to the WFD**

### **England, Wales, and England and Wales**

#### Anglian, Humber, North West, Severn, Dee, South East, South West, Thames, and Western Wales River Basin Districts

The duties of the competent authorities in relation to these River Basin Districts in England and Wales are laid down in

The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No. 3242) These regulations were made under section 2(2) European Communities Act 1972 c.68.

### **England and Scotland**

#### Northumbria River Basin District

The duties of the competent authorities in relation to the cross border Northumbria River Basin District are set out in

The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (Northumbria River Basin District) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No. 3245). These regulations were made under section 2(2) European Communities Act 1972 c.68.

#### Solway Tweed River Basin District

The duties of the competent authorities in relation to the Solway Tweed river basin district are set out in

The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (Solway Tweed River Basin District) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004 No. 99). These regulations were made under section 2(2) European Communities Act 1972 c.68.

### **Scotland**

#### Scotland River Basin District

The duties of the competent authorities in relation to the Scotland River Basin District are set out under the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp3)

<http://www.scotland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/acts2003/20030003.htm>

The Scotland River Basin District was designated by the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (Designation of Scotland River Basin District) Order 2003

<http://www.scotland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/ssi2003/20030610.htm>.

### **Northern Ireland and International River Basin Districts**

#### North Eastern River Basin District and the Neagh Bann, North Western and Shannon International River Basin Districts

The duties of the competent authority in relation to these river basin districts are set out in the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (SR 2003 No. 544). These regulations were made under section 2(2) European Communities Act 1972 c.68.



## **Gibraltar**

### Gibraltar River Basin District

It is proposed to set out the duties of the competent authority in relation to the Gibraltar river basin district in the Public Health (Water Framework) Rules 2004, which are currently being drafted. These rules would be made under section 337 of the Public Health Ordinance.

## **2.1.2. Responsibilities of the Competent Authorities**

### **England, Wales and Scotland**

In England, Wales and Scotland there are two competent authority roles – the “appropriate authority” role and the “Agency” role.

The “appropriate authority” has general responsibility for ensuring the Directive is given effect. That authority also has specific responsibilities for ensuring that appropriate economic analysis is carried out (except in Scotland where this is a duty of the “Agency”), approving proposals for environmental objectives and programmes of measures, and approving the draft river basin management plans. The appropriate authority may also give guidance or directions to the “Agency”, and any other public body, on the practical implementation of the directive. The appropriate authority for a river basin district also has the duty to ensure that the requirements of the Directive are given effect in relation to that district as a whole.

The “Agency” is responsible for carrying out the analysis required for characterisation, monitoring, identifying waters used for the abstraction of drinking water, and establishing a register of those waters and other protected areas. It has to prepare proposals for environmental objectives and programmes of measures for each river basin district, and prepare draft river basin management plans. The Agency must also ensure public participation in preparation of the river basin management plan and make certain information required under the Framework Directive accessible to the public.

#### Anglian, Humber, North West, South East, South West and Thames River Basin Districts

The competent authorities for these River Basin Districts are the Secretary of State and the Environment Agency. The Secretary of State has the “appropriate authority” responsibilities and the Environment Agency has the “Agency” responsibilities.

#### Western Wales River Basin District

The competent authorities for this River Basin District are the National Assembly for Wales and the Environment Agency. The National Assembly for Wales has the “appropriate authority” responsibilities and the Environment Agency has the “Agency” responsibilities.

#### Scotland River Basin District

The competent authorities for this River Basin District are the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. The “appropriate authority” responsibilities are placed upon the Scottish Ministers. The “Agency” responsibilities are placed upon the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

#### Severn and Dee River Basin Districts

The competent authorities for these River Basin Districts are the Secretary of State, National Assembly for Wales and the Environment Agency. The “appropriate authority” responsibilities are placed upon the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales, acting jointly. The “Agency” responsibilities are placed upon the Environment Agency.

### Northumbria River Basin District

The competent authorities for this River Basin District are the Secretary of State, Scottish Ministers, SEPA and the Environment Agency. The Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers have the “appropriate authority” responsibilities and SEPA and the Environment Agency have the “Agency” responsibilities, except for River Basin Planning duties for which responsibility lies with the Secretary of State and the Environment Agency but with requirements for consultation with the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

### Solway Tweed River Basin District

The competent authorities for this River Basin District are the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers, the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. The “appropriate authority” responsibilities are placed upon the Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers, acting jointly. The “Agency” responsibilities are placed upon the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, acting jointly.

## **Northern Ireland**

### Northern Ireland River Basin District and the Neagh Bann, North Western and Shannon International River Basin Districts

In Northern Ireland there is a single competent authority, the Department of the Environment. The Department combines the general and specific responsibilities of the “appropriate authority” role and the “Agency” role as outlined for England, Wales and Scotland.

In addition to these responsibilities, the Department must ensure co-ordination with the relevant competent authority in Ireland with the aim of producing a single river basin plan for each International River Basin District, with a co-ordinated programme of measures for the whole of each district.

## **Gibraltar**

### Gibraltar River Basin District

The characteristics of the Gibraltar River Basin District are such that to date there has never been a requirement for Gibraltar to consider water other than in the context of extraction for human consumption. The competent authority therefore assumes the overall (legal) responsibility for the management and development of water resources in accordance with the Directive’s requirements. The competent authority will as a matter of practice retain overall legal control but will delegate the functions of testing etc. In this way the competent authority is best placed to deliver the Directive’s objectives.

Administratively the competent authority’s role is;

- a) the delegation and oversight of the functional requirements of the legislation
- b) the approval of the management plans
- c) cross-border cooperation (where this is possible)
- d) the overall attainment of the directive

### **2.1.3 International relationships**

The United Kingdom (Northern Ireland) shares a number of cross-border river basins with Ireland (also referred to in text below as the South). Three International River Basin Districts have been designated in relation to the island of Ireland, North and South (Neagh Bann, North Western and Shannon).

Arrangements for the implementation of the WFD in the United Kingdom (Northern Ireland) and Ireland are being co-ordinated on a bilateral basis at Ministerial level between the Minister with responsibility for the Environment (North) and the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (South). Public authorities involved in aspects of water management, North and South, continue to discharge their existing statutory functions and, in addition, participate in co-ordination arrangements established by the Ministers. The legislation transposing the Directive into national law, North and South, imposes an obligation on the relevant public authorities to take appropriate action to secure co-ordinated implementation of the Directive.

The Ministers are being assisted in their task of co-ordination by a North / South WFD Co-ordination Group on Water Quality which meets generally on a bi-monthly basis. This group comprise officials acting on a non-statutory basis drawn from –

- the Department of the Environment (DOENI) and its Agency, the Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) in the United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)
- the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Ireland, and
- other Government Departments, their agencies and relevant organisations, North and South, with responsibility for implementation of the Directive.

In addition, the co-ordination group establishes from time to time such technical, advisory and other expert groups as it considers necessary to support its work within a general framework established by the Ministers. Irish and UK officials participate in meetings with both the UK and Irish technical groups.

A joint North / South project promoted by the Co-ordination Group and supported by funding under INTERREG IIIA is being established to facilitate co-ordinated implementation and the delivery of technical tasks required by the Directive. The project (the “SHARE Project”) is led by Donegal County Council (in Ireland) on behalf of the competent authorities in both national jurisdictions.

Information together with a map of the arrangements with Ireland is available on <http://www.ehsni.gov.uk/environment/waterManage/policy/policy.shtml>

### **Gibraltar**

No institutional relationships have been established with the Kingdom of Spain and to date, the Government of Gibraltar has not been approached, with a view to the establishment of such relationships.

The Government of Gibraltar, subject to the principle of mutual respect for each others institutions, would establish institutional relationships with its counterpart in the Kingdom of Spain.