STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 132

WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

The Drought (Blacksprings Emergency Abstraction) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - -	*3rd July 2020*
Coming into operation -	*3rd July 2020*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 137(1)(a) of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006(**b**), on the application of Northern Ireland Water Limited, being satisfied that, by reason of an exceptional shortage of rain, a serious deficiency of supplies of water exists or is threatened, hereby makes the following drought order.

In accordance with Article 137(2)(a) of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 the Department has consulted with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs(**c**).

Notice of the proposed drought order has been published, served and made available for inspection in accordance with Schedule 5 to the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

A total of one objection was received. The objection was subsequently withdrawn.

Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Drought (Blacksprings Emergency Abstraction) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on 3rd July 2020.

(2) In this Order "the water undertaker" means Northern Ireland Water Limited.

Temporary Emergency Abstraction

2.—(1) The water undertaker may for such a period as it thinks necessary not exceeding three months beginning 3rd July 2020 carry out emergency abstraction of no more than 1000 cubic metres of water per day from Blacksprings.

(2) The water undertaker shall—

(a) every 20 days, following the commencement of the abstraction, cease abstraction for at least 5 days, to allow a recovery period for the aquatic environment; and

(**a**) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and Schedule 1 of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 c. 5 (N.I.)
(**b**) 2006 No. 3336 (N.I. 21)
(**c**) 2016 c. 5 (N.I.)