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PUBLIC HEALTH

The Pollution of Groundwater by Dangerous Substances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . *13th April 1994*

Coming into operation . . . *4th May 1994*

The Department of the Environment, being a department designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to measures relating to the prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution of water, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by that section and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Pollution of Groundwater by Dangerous Substances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 4th May 1994.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the Department" means the Department of the Environment;

"the Directive" means Council Directive 80/68/EEC(**d**);

"groundwater" and "pollution" have the meanings assigned respectively by Article 1.2(a) and Article 1.2(d) of the Directive.

Exceptions

3. These Regulations shall not apply to—

(*a*) discharges of domestic effluents from isolated dwellings not connected to a sewerage system and situated outside areas protected for the abstraction of water for human consumption;

(**a**) S.I. 1989/2393
(**b**) 1972 c. 68
(**c**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**d**) O.J. No. L20, 26.1.80, p. 43