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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2025 No. 175 (W. 37) (C. 7)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WALES**

The Environment Act 2021 (Commencement  
No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025

Made - - - - 16 February 2025

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 147(4)(g) of the Environment Act 2021<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Title and interpretation**

1. The title of these Regulations is the Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025.

2. In these Regulations, “the Act” means the Environment Act 2021.

**Provision coming into force on 1 March 2025**

3. Section 79 (drainage and sewerage management plans) of the Act comes into force on 1 March 2025, so far as relating to undertakers whose areas are wholly or mainly in Wales.

16 February 2025

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force section 79 of the Environment Act 2021 (c. 30) (“the Act”). These are the second commencement regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under the Act.

Regulation 2 brings into force section 79 of the Act on 1 March 2025 so far as relating to undertakers whose areas are wholly or mainly in Wales. Section 79 inserts new sections 94A to 94E into the Water Industry Act 1991, to introduce new requirements on sewerage undertakers to prepare, publish and maintain drainage and sewerage management plans.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force in Wales by commencement regulations made by the Welsh Ministers before the date of these Regulations.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 50	7 March 2022 (partially)	S.I. 2022/223 (W. 71) (C. 10)
Section 60	7 March 2022 (partially)	S.I. 2022/223 (W. 71) (C. 10)
Section 64	7 March 2022 (partially)	S.I. 2022/223 (W. 71) (C. 10)
Schedule 4	7 March 2022 (partially)	S.I. 2022/223 (W. 71) (C. 10)

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force in England and Wales by commencement regulations made by the Secretary of State before the date of these Regulations.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 1 to 7	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Sections 8 to 15	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Section 16	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Sections 17 and 18	10 May 2022	S.I. 2022/518 (C. 21)
Section 19	10 May 2022 (partially)  1 November 2023 (for all remaining purposes)	S.I. 2022/518 (C. 21)  S.I. 2023/381 (C. 18)
Section 20	10 May 2022	S.I. 2022/518 (C. 21)
Section 21	1 April 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)

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Sections 22 to 24	17 November 2021	S.I. 2021/1274 (C. 72)
Section 25	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Section 26	17 November 2021	S.I. 2021/1274 (C. 72)
Section 27	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Sections 28 to 30	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Sections 31 to 41	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Sections 42 and 43	24 January 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Sections 44 to 47	17 November 2021	S.I. 2021/1274 (C. 72)
Section 57	17 May 2024	S.I. 2024/639 (C. 40)
Section 73	1 May 2022 (partially)	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Sections 74 to 77	17 May 2024	S.I. 2024/639 (C. 40)
Section 81	17 May 2024 (partially)	S.I. 2024/639 (C. 40)
Section 81	1 January 2025 (for all remaining purposes)	S.I. 2024/639 (C. 40)
Section 82(2)	17 May 2024 (insofar as it is not already in force)	S.I. 2024/639 (C. 40)
Sections 100 and 101	17 January 2024 (partially)	S.I. 2024/44 (C. 4)
Section 116	30 September 2022 (partially)	S.I. 2022/518 (C. 21)
Part 7	30 September 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C. 2)
Schedule 12, Part 3	1 May 2022	S.I. 2022/48 (C.2)
Schedule 17	30 September 2022 (partially)	S.I. 2022/518 (C. 21)

Various provisions of the Act have been brought into force in relation to England by [S.I. 2021/1274 \(C. 72\)](#), [S.I. 2022/48 \(C. 2\)](#), [S.I. 2022/518 \(C. 21\)](#), [S.I. 2022/988 \(C. 75\)](#), [S.I. 2022/1266 \(C. 100\)](#), [S.I. 2023/381 \(C. 18\)](#), [S.I. 2023/1170 \(C. 77\)](#), [S.I. 2024/44 \(C. 4\)](#) and [S.I. 2024/639 \(C. 40\)](#).