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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) REGULATIONS, 1978.

The Minister for the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 30 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977, (No. 1 of 1977) and by sections 6 and 19 of that Act as modified by the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977, (Transfer of Appeals) Order, 1978 (S.I. No. 96 of 1978), after consultation with the Minister for Fisheries and with the Water Pollution Advisory Council in relation to article 4 and the First Schedule, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Water Citation. Pollution) Regulations, 1978.
 - 2. In these Regulations—

Interpretation.

any reference to a Schedule or article which is not otherwise identified is a reference to a Schedule or article of these Regulations;

any reference to a sub-article or paragraph which is not otherwise identified is a reference to a sub-article or paragraph of the provision in which the reference occurs;

any reference to a section or subsection is a reference to a section or subsection of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977;

"the Board" means An Bord Pleanála.

PART II

LICENSING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF DISCHARGES TO WATERS

3. In this Part—

Definitions for Part II.

[&]quot;applicant" means an applicant for a licence under section 4;

[&]quot;existing discharge" means an existing discharge as defined in section 5 (4);

[&]quot;licence" means a licence under section 4;

[&]quot;licence application" means an application to a local authority for a licence under section 4;

"register" means the register to be established and kept under section 9 (1):

"review" means review under section 7.

Exempted effluents.

4. The classes of effluent specified in the First Schedule shall be exempt from subsection (1) of section 4.

Notice of intention to apply for a licence.

- 5. (1) Prior to the making of a licence application, the applicant shall publish in a newspaper circulating in the functional area of the local authority notice of his intention to make such application.
- (2) A notice under sub-article (1) shall contain, as a heading, the words "Discharge of Effluent to Waters", and shall—
 - (a) state the name of the applicant and the name of the local authority to which application is being made,
 - (b) give a general description of the effluent,
 - (c) in the case of trade effluent, state the nature of the trade or industry,
 - (d) state the name and location of the premises from which the effluent is to be discharged, and
 - (e) indicate the waters to which the effluent is to be discharged.
- (3) Sub-article (1) shall not apply to a licence application made before the 1st day of October, 1978 in respect of—
 - (a) an existing discharge, or
 - (b) a discharge from a development for which a permission (other than outline permission) or an approval consequent on an outline permission has been granted under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 and 1976 during the period of five years prior to the 1st day of October, 1978.

Further notice.

- 6. (1) A licence application to which article 5 (1) applies shall be accompanied by a copy of the newspaper in which there has been published a notice in pursuance of that sub-article.
 - (2) Where-
 - (a) a period of more than two weeks has elapsed between the publication in a newspaper of a notice in accordance with article 5 (1) and the making of the relevant application, or

(b) it appears to the local authority that any such notice does not comply with the provisions of article 5 or, because of its content or for any other reason, is misleading or inadequate for the information of the public,

the local authority may require the applicant to publish such further notice in such terms as it may specify and to submit to it such evidence as it may specify in relation to compliance with any such requirement.

7. (1) A licence application shall be accompanied by—

Application for licence.

- (a) such plans, in duplicate, and such other particulars as are necessary to describe the premises, drainage system and any works, apparatus or plant from which the effluent is to be discharged and to identify the waters to which the discharge is to be made and the point of discharge,
- (b) particulars of the nature, composition, anticipated temperature, volume and rate of discharge of, and the proposed method of any treatment of, the effluent and the period or periods during which the effluent is to be discharged, and
- (c) in the case of a trade effluent, a general description of the process or activity giving rise to the discharge.
- (2) A licence application for an existing discharge shall be accompanied by a statement that it is such a discharge in addition to the information specified in sub-article (1).
- (3) An applicant for a licence, other than a licence for an existing discharge, shall also furnish such other particulars as the local authority may reasonably require for consideration of the application, including particulars of the quality, volume and flow rate of receiving waters, the effects of the discharge on such waters and the results of any investigation made, or required by the local authority to be made, in relation to such matters.
- 8. Where an applicant fails or refuses to comply with any requirement Investigation by of a local authority under article 7 (3) in relation to the furnishing of local authority. results of any investigation within three months of such requirement, the local authority may carry out, or arrange to have carried out, such investigation and may require the applicant to defray or contribute towards the cost of any such investigation.

9. A local authority may grant or refuse a licence notwithstanding Grant or refusal that plans or other particulars required under article 7 have not been of licence in the furnished.

absence of information.

Inspection of documents.

10. A local authority shall make available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the local authority, from the time of receipt of the relevant documents until the licence application or any appeal relating thereto is determined, the application and any plans and other particulars submitted by the applicant to the local authority, including any plans or other particulars submitted in pursuance of article 7.

Notice of grant or refusal of licence.

- 11. (1) As soon as may be after the grant or refusal of a licence the local authority shall—
 - (a) in the case of the grant of a licence, transmit the licence to the applicant,
 - (b) in the case of the refusal of a licence, give notice of such refusal to the applicant,
 - (c) in the case of the grant or refusal of a licence, give notice of such grant or refusal to any other person who submitted representations or objections in writing to the local authority in relation to the licence application and inform such person and the applicant that an appeal under section 8 may be made to the Board by any person within the period prescribed in article 26 and that any such appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £10, and
 - (d) in the case of the grant of a licence consequent on a licence application to which article 5 (1) does not apply, publish notice of such grant in a newspaper circulating in the functional area of the local authority.
 - (2) A notice under sub-article (1) shall specify—
 - (a) the discharge to which the grant or refusal relates,
 - (b) the date of the grant or refusal, and
 - (c) in the case of the grant of a licence, the reference number in the register.
- (3) A notice under sub-article (1) (c) may, where the local authority so decides, be published in a newspaper circulating in its functional area.

Form of licence.

12. Form No. 1 in the Second Schedule, or a form substantially to the like effect, shall be the form of every licence granted by a local authority, including a licence revised under section 7.

- 13. (1) Where a local authority intends to review a licence it shall-
- Notice of intention to review a licence.
- (a) give notice of such intention to the person making, causing or permitting the discharge to which the licence relates, and
- (b) publish notice of such intention in a newspaper circulating in the functional area of the local authority.
- (2) Every notice under sub-article (1) shall specify—
 - (a) the reference number relating to the licence in the register,
 - (b) the reasons for the review if a period of less than three years has elapsed since the date of the licence or the last review of the licence, and
 - (c) that representations relating to the review may be made in writing to the local authority within one month of the date of the notice.
- 14. (1) Where a local authority gives notice under article 13 (1) (a) Information in such notice may also require the person making, causing or permitting relation to review the discharge to which the licence relates to submit such plans or other particulars as it considers necessary for the purpose of the review.

- (2) A local authority shall make available for public inspection during normal office hours at the offices of the local authority, from the time of receipt of the relevant documents until the review or any appeal relating thereto is determined, any plans and other particulars submitted to the local authority in connection with the review, including any such plans or other particulars submitted in pursuance of sub-article (1).
- (3) Where a person fails or refuses to comply with any requirement of a local authority under sub-article (1) within three months the local authority may complete the review.
- 15. (1) On completion of a review of a licence the local authority Local authority shall give notice of its decision to the person making, causing or notice following permitting the discharge to which the licence relates and to any person who submitted representations in writing to the local authority under article 13 (2) (c).

review of licence.

- (2) A notice by a local authority under sub-article (1) shall include a statement that an appeal under section 8 may be made to the Board by any person within the period prescribed in article 26 and that any such appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 and shall specify-
 - (a) whether any condition of the licence the subject of the review has been deleted,

- (b) whether and in what way any condition of the licence the subject of the review has been amended,
- (c) any new conditions attached to the licence, and
- (d) the date of the local authority's decision.

PART III

LICENSING BY SANITARY AUTHORITIES OF DISCHARGES TO SEWERS

Definitions for Part III.

16. In this Part-

"applicant" means an applicant for a licence under section 16;

"existing discharge" means an existing discharge as defined in section 18 (4):

"licence" means a licence under section 16;

"licence application" means an application to a sanitary authority for a licence under section 16;

"register" means the register required to be established and kept under section 9 (3);

"review" means review under section 17.

Application for licence.

- 17. (1) A licence application shall be accompanied by-
 - (a) such plans, in duplicate, and such other particulars as are necessary to describe the premises, drainage system and any works, apparatus or plant from which the effluent or other matter is to be discharged and to identify the point of discharge to the sewer,
 - (b) particulars of the nature, composition, anticipated temperature, volume and rate of discharge of, and the proposed method of any treatment of, the effluent or other matter and the period or periods during which the effluent or other matter is to be discharged, and
 - (c) in the case of a trade effluent, a general description of the process or activity giving rise to the discharge.
- (2) A licence application for an existing discharge shall be accompanied by a statement that it is such a discharge in addition to the information specified in sub-article (1).

- (3) An applicant for a licence, other than a licence for an existing discharge, shall also furnish such other particulars, including the results of such investigations, as the sanitary authority may reasonably require for consideration of the application.
- 18. Where an applicant fails or refuses to comply with any Investigation by requirement of a sanitary authority under article 17 (3) in relation to the sanitary furnishing of results of any investigation within three months of such requirement, the sanitary authority may carry out, or arrange to have carried out, such investigation and may require the applicant to defray or contribute towards the cost of any such investigation.

19. A sanitary authority may grant or refuse a licence Grant or refusal notwithstanding that plans or other particulars required under article 17 of licence in the have not been furnished.

20. As soon as may be after the grant or refusal of a licence the Notice of grant or sanitary authority shall, in the case of the grant of a licence, transmit the refusal of licence. licence to, or, in the case of the refusal of a licence, give notice of such refusal to, the applicant and shall inform him that an appeal under section 20 may be made to the Board and that any such appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £10.

21. Form No. 2 in the Second Schedule, or a form substantially to the Form of licence. like effect, shall be the form of every licence granted by a sanitary authority, including a licence revised under section 17.

22. (1) Where a sanitary authority intends to review a licence it shall Notice of give notice of such intention to the person making, causing or permitting intention to review a licence. the discharge to which the licence relates.

- (2) Every notice under sub-article (1) shall specify—
 - (a) the reference number relating to the licence in the register,
 - (b) the reasons for the review if less than three years has elapsed since the date of the licence or the last review of the licence, and
 - (c) that representations relating to the review may be made in writing to the sanitary authority within one month of the date of the notice.
- 23. (1) Where a sanitary authority gives notice under article 22 such Information in notice may also require the person making, causing or permitting the relation to review discharge to which the licence relates to submit such plans or other particulars as it considers necessary for the purpose of the review.

(2) Where a person fails or refuses to comply with any requirement of a sanitary authority under sub-article (1) within three months the sanitary authority may complete the review.

Sanitary authority notice following review of licence.

- 24. (1) On completion of a review of a licence a sanitary authority shall give notice of its decision to the person making, causing or permitting the discharge to which the licence relates.
- (2) A notice by a sanitary authority under sub-article (1) shall include a statement that an appeal under section 20 may be made to the Board and that any such appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 and shall specify—
 - (a) whether any condition of the licence the subject of the review has been deleted,
 - (b) whether and in what way any condition of the licence the subject of the review has been amended, and
 - (c) any new conditions attached to the licence.

PART IV

APPEALS

Definitions for Part IV. 25. In this Part—

"appeal" means an appeal under section 8 or section 20, except where otherwise provided,

"party to an appeal" means-

- (a) in the case of an appeal under section 8—
 - (i) the appellant,
 - (ii) the local authority which granted, refused or reviewed a licence in relation to which an appeal is made,
 - (iii) the applicant for a licence in relation to the grant or refusal of which an appeal is made by another person,
 - (iv) the person making, causing or permitting a discharge in the case of an appeal by another person in relation to a review of a licence for that discharge;

- (b) in the case of an appeal under section 20—
 - (i) the appellant,
 - (ii) the sanitary authority which granted, refused or reviewed a licence in relation to which an appeal is made.
- 26. The prescribed period for the purpose of an appeal under section Prescribed period 8 shall be-

for appeals under section 8.

- (a) in the case of an appeal relating to the grant or refusal of a licence the period of one month beginning on the date of the grant or refusal of the licence,
- (b) in the case of an appeal relating to the decision of a local authority on a review of a licence the period of one month beginning on the date of the local authority's decision.
- 27. An appeal shall-

Form and content of appeal.

- (a) be made in writing,
- (b) state the subject matter of the appeal, and
- (c) state the grounds of appeal.
- 28. The Board shall give a copy of an appeal to each other party to Copy of appeal. the appeal.
- 29. (1) Where an appeal is made to the Board, the local authority or Documents. sanitary authority which granted, refused or reviewed the licence in information, etc., relation to which the appeal is made shall give to the Board such information or evidence in its possession or procurement as the Board may require for the purpose of determining the appeal, including in the case of an appeal relating to the grant or refusal of a licence a copy of the application and of the plans and particulars which accompanied it.

- (2) A party to an appeal (other than a local authority or sanitary authority) shall give to the Board any document, information or evidence in his possession or procurement which the Board consider necessary for the purpose of determining the appeal.
- (3) Where a person neglects or refuses to give the Board any document, information or evidence within such period as may at any time be specified by the Board, the Board may determine the appeal without such document, information or evidence.

(4) A copy of any document relevant to an appeal which is given to the Board by any party shall be given by the Board to each party not already possessed of a copy of such document, or shall be made available for inspection at the offices of the Board or at the offices of the local authority or sanitary authority which granted, refused or reviewed the licence in relation to which the appeal is made or at such convenient place as the Board may specify and each party not possessed of a copy of the document shall be informed that it is so available for inspection.

Observations on appeals.

30. A party to an appeal to whom a copy of an appeal has been given under article 28 may, within such period as may at any time be specified by the Board, make in writing to the Board such observations on the appeal as he thinks fit and a copy of such observations shall be given by the Board to each other party to the appeal or, where a number of persons have made the appeal jointly, to any one of such persons.

Oral hearings.

- 31. (1) A party to an appeal may request an oral hearing of the appeal and any such request shall be made in writing to the Board.
 - (2) A request for an oral hearing may be withdrawn at any time.
- (3) Where the Board decide to hold an oral hearing, the Board shall inform each of the parties to the appeal and shall give each party not less than seven days notice of the time and place of the opening of the oral hearing or such shorter notice as may be accepted by all the parties to the appeal.
- (4) The Board may, at any time before the opening of an oral hearing, alter the time or place of the opening of the hearing and, in the event of such alteration, the Board shall give each party not less than seven days notice of the new time and place or such shorter notice as may be accepted by all the parties to the appeal.
- (5) Where the parties to an appeal have been informed that an oral hearing is to be held and where, following the withdrawal of a request for an oral hearing, or a decision by the Board, the appeal falls to be determined without an oral hearing, the Board shall give notice accordingly to the parties and shall not determine the appeal until seven days after the date of the giving of the notice or such longer period as the Board may specify in the notice.
- (6) An oral hearing shall be conducted by the Board or by a person appointed for that purpose by the Board generally or for a particular appeal or for appeals of a particular class.
- (7) If, for any reason, the person appointed is unable or fails to conduct, or to complete the conduct of, an oral hearing or, for any reason, is unable or fails to furnish a report on an oral hearing to the Board, the Board may appoint another person to conduct the oral hearing or to conduct a new oral hearing.

- 32. The Board or other person conducting an oral hearing shall have Procedure at oral discretion as to the conduct of the hearing and in particular shall-
 - (a) conduct the hearing without undue formality,
 - (b) decide the order of appearance of the parties,
 - (c) permit any party to appear in person or to be represented by another person, and
 - (d) hear, if they think fit, any person who is not a party to the appeal.
- 33. (1) Subject to sub-articles (2) and (3), the Board or other person Adjournment or conducting an oral hearing may adjourn or re-open any hearing or, re-opening of oral notwithstanding that any party has failed to attend a hearing, proceed with the hearing.

- (2) Notice of the time and place of the re-opening of an oral hearing or resumption of an oral hearing that has been adjourned indefinitely shall be given by the Board to each of the parties to the appeal not less than seven days before the said time unless all such parties accept shorter notice.
- (3) Unless the Board consider it expedient to do so and so direct, an oral hearing shall not be re-opened after the report thereon has been submitted to the Board.
- 34. (1) The Board shall notify every party to an appeal of its decision Notification by on the appeal.

the Board of decision on appeal.

- (2) Every notification under sub-article (1) to a person, other than a local authority or sanitary authority, shall specify the nature of the decision, including any directions given to the local authority or sanitary authority relating to the granting or revoking of a licence or the attachment, amendment or deletion of conditions.
- 35. On complying with directions of the Board in relation to a licence Compliance with the local authority or sanitary authority shall notify the holder of the directions. licence of such compliance.

PART V

REGISTERS

36. (1) The register required to be established and kept by a local Form of registers. authority under section 9 (1) shall be in the form of and contain the particulars specified in Form No. 3 in the Second Schedule.

- (2) The register required to be established and kept by a local authority under section 9 (2) shall be in the form of and contain the particulars specified in Form No. 4 in the Second Schedule.
- (3) The register required to be established and kept by a sanitary authority under section 9 (3) shall be in the form of and contain the particulars specified in Form No. 5 in the Second Schedule.

Exempted abstractions.

37. Abstractions of the class specified in the Third Schedule shall be exempt from section 9 (2).

Fee for copy of entry in register.

38. The prescribed fee for a copy of any entry in a register shall be £1.

PART VI

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Definition for Part VI.

39. In this Part—

"plan" means a water quality management plan under section 15.

Notice of proposed plan.

- 40. (1) Where a local authority proposes to make, revise or replace a plan it shall publish notice of such intention in at least one newspaper circulating in its functional area.
 - (2) A notice under sub-article (1) shall indicate—
 - (a) the waters to which the plan relates,
 - (b) that a copy of the plan may be inspected at a stated place and at stated times during a stated period of not less than three months (and the copy shall be kept available for inspection accordingly),
 - (c) that any person may make written representations relating to the plan to the local authority within the period stated under paragraph (b), and
 - (d) in the case of a plan to be made, revised or replaced jointly by two or more local authorities, that the plan is to be so made, revised or replaced and the local authorities concerned.

Notice of the making, etc., of a plan.

41. (1) Where a local authority makes, revises or replaces a plan, it shall publish notice to this effect in at least one newspaper circulating in its functional area.

- (2) A notice under sub-article (1) shall state that a copy of the plan is available for inspection at a stated place and at stated times.
- (3) Where the plan has been made, revised or replaced jointly by two or more local authorities the notice under sub-article (1) shall indicate that the plan has been so made, revised or replaced and shall specify those local authorities.
- 42. Where application is made to a local authority for a copy of a copy of plan on plan or part thereof, the local authority shall issue a copy to the payment of fee. applicant on payment by him to the local authority of a sum which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making the copy.

Article 4

FIRST SCHEDULE

EXEMPTED EFFLUENTS

Classes of Effluent

Class I: Domestic sewage not exceeding in volume 5 cubic metres in any period of 24 hours which is discharged to an aquifer from a septic tank or other disposal unit by means of a percolation area, soakage pit or other method.

Class II: Trade effluent discharged by a sanitary authority in the course of the performance of its powers and duties, other than from a sewer.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Article 12

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACT, 1977 LICENCE TO DISCHARGE TRADE OR SEWAGE EFFLUENT TO WATERS

	Reference number in register:—
Local Authority ¹ :—	
To	

•••••	
The () ¹ , in exercise of the powers conferred on i (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 hereby grants a licence ² /a revilicence dated reference number effluent from () ⁴ located at () ⁵ to () ⁶ following conditions ⁸ :—	t by the Local Government sed licence in substitution for
Dated this day of	
	City/County Manager
	Order No

Directions for completing this form

- 1. Insert name of local authority.
- 2. Delete words which do not apply.
- 3. Insert "trade", "sewage" or "trade and sewage".
- 4. Insert description of premises, works, apparatus, plant or drainage pipe.
- 5. Insert location of premises, works, apparatus, plant or drainage pipe.
- 6. Insert description of the waters.
- 7. Insert description of point(s) of discharge.
- 8. Delete if not subject to conditions.

Form No. 2

Article 21

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACT, 1977

LICENCE TO DISCHARGE TRADE EFFLUENT OR OTHER MATTER TO A SEWER

SEWER	
	Reference number in register:—
Sanitary Authority ¹ :	
То	

The () ¹ , in exercise of the powers conferred on it by (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 hereby grants a licence ² /a revised li licence dated reference number	cence in substitution for
Dated this day of	
	City/County Manager
•	Order No.

Directions for completing this form

- 1. Insert name of sanitary authority.
- 2. Delete words which do not apply.
- 3. If licence relates to matter other than trade effluent, delete and insert description of the other matter.
- 4. Insert description of premises, works, apparatus, plant or drainage pipe.
- 5. Insert location of premises, works, apparatus, plant or drainage pipe.
- 6. Insert description of sewer.
- 7. Insert description of point(s) of discharge.
- 8. Delete if not subject to conditions.

11. Result of appeal-

Article 36 (1)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACT, 1977

FOR 7	REGISTER OF LICENCES und THE DISCHARGE OF TRADE AND SEWA	
Local	Authority	
1.	Reference number of the licence	
2.	Name and address of applicant	
3.	Location of the premises, works, apparatus, p the effluent is discharged	lant or drainage pipe from which
4.	Description of waters to which discharge is a	nade
5.	Location of point(s) of discharge	
6.	Description of effluent	
7.	Date of grant of licence	
8.	Conditions attached to licence	
9.	If licence is a revised licence—reference num	ber of previous licence ———
10.	Notification by An Bord Pleanála of appeal	Date
		Board's reference

Form No. 4

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) ACT, 1977 REGISTER OF ABSTRACTIONS FROM WATERS

Article 36 (2)

٧.	ame and address of person making abstraction
	ource from which water is abstracted
	pint(s) of abstraction ————————————————————————————————————
,	arpose for which abstracted water is used
_	
a) Average daily abstraction rate calculated over one year
) Average daily abstraction rate calculated over one year ——) Maximum quantity abstracted in any period of 24 hours ——
,	
b) Maximum quantity abstracted in any period of 24 hours —

Article 36 (3)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLUTION) ACT, 1977

REGISTER OF LICENCES under section 16 FOR THE DISCHARGE OF TRADE EFFLUENT OR OTHER MATTER TO A SEWER

Sanitai	ry Authority			
1.	Reference number of the licence			
2.	Name and address of applicant			
3.	Location of the premises, works, apparatus, plant or drainage pipe from which the effluent is discharged			
4.	Description of the sewer to which discharge is made			
5.	Location of point(s) of discharge-			
6.	Description of trade effluent or other matter			
· 7.				
8.	Conditions attached to licence			
9.	If licence is a revised licence—reference number of previous licence —			
10.	Notification by An Bord Pleanála of appeal Date Board's reference			
11.	Result of appeal			

Article 37

THIRD SCHEDULE

EXEMPTED ABSTRACTIONS

Abstractions which do not exceed 25 cubic metres in any period of 24 hours.



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment this 5th day of April, 1978.

> SYLVESTER BARRETT, Minister for the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

The provisions of the Regulations relate to procedural matters in relation to licensing of discharges to waters and to sewers, appeals to An Bord Pleanála in relation thereto, registers of licences and of water abstractions, water quality management plans and other miscellaneous matters under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977.

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