

Establishment of the Procedure for Calculation and Payment of Charges for Special Use of Water

Regulation No. 83 of 11 November 1997 of the Minister of Environment

Pursuant to subsection 11¹(9) of the Water Act (RT (State Gazette) I 1994,40, 655; 1996, 13, 241), I hereby establish:

1. to approve the procedure for calculation and payment of charges for special use of water (attached);
2. persons encashing charges for special use of water shall submit reports on incoming charges, the number of debtors and on the amounts due in municipalities as of 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October of each year, to the Ministry of the Environment by 25 January, 25 April, 25 July and 25 October of each year, respectively;
3. to repeal clauses 1 and 2 of Regulation No. 27 “Establishment of the Procedure for Calculation and Payment of Charges for Special Use of Water” of 29 April 1996 of the Minister of Environment (RT I 1996, 58, 363);
4. this Regulation shall take effect on 1 January 1998.

Villu Reiljan, Minister of Environment

Rein Ratas, Secretary General

Approved by Regulation No. 83

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Procedure for the Calculation and Payment of Charges for Special Use of Water

1. For water quantities extracted from a water body or ground water aquifer from 1 January 1998, charge for special use of water shall be paid in accordance with the charge rates established by Regulation No. 209 of

28 October 1997 of the Government of Estonia (RT I 1997, 76, 1285). Charge for the water quantities extracted before 1 January 1998 shall be paid in accordance with the rates established by Regulation No. of 23 April 1996 of the Government of Estonia 16 (RT I 1996, 30, 601).

2. Charges for special use of water shall be calculated for the water quantities actually extracted in the quarter and the charges shall be paid by the 25th day of the month following the end of the quarter.
3. A person paying for special use of water shall submit data on the quantities of water extracted and the calculation of charges for each type of water to the county of the location of the site of special use of water, in Tallinn - to Tallinn Environmental Board and in Narva - to Narva Environmental Department, by the 15th day of the month following the end of the quarter for which payment is due. For calculating the charges, the quantities of each individual type of water extracted shall be multiplied by the charge rate established for the relevant type of water. Calculations on the quantities of water extracted from the Cambrian-Vendian aquifer for technological purposes shall be made separately.
4. Charges for special use of water shall be transferred to the special account of the district branch of the Environmental Fund of the location of water extraction site. The number of the special account to which charges for special use of water shall be transferred shall be given to a user of water by the county authorities of the site of special use of water, by Tallinn Environmental Board or Narva Environmental Department. Fifty per cent of the incoming sum shall be transferred to the budget of the municipality of the location of the site of special use of water. In the case of extraction of water from transboundary water bodies, 100% of the charges for special use of water shall be transferred to the Environmental Fund.
5. National environmental departments, Tallinn Environmental Board and Narva Environmental Department shall check the accuracy of the calculations of, and the coming in of, charges for special use of water and shall keep the relevant accounts. After three months from the due date of payment, the above-mentioned authorities shall levy the arrears of charge for special use of water, together with the fine for delay (0.15%/day) as established by the Water Act, in court.
6. In the case of disputes or unsolved issues concerning the calculation of, or payment for, special use of water, an application or complaint can be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment. The Ministry of the Environment shall review the application or complaint, make a motivated decision on the application or complaint and communicate the decision to the submitter of the application or complaint within 30 calendar days. The Minister of Environment has the right to prolong this term if there is a substantiated need for this.