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I, JOHN GORMLEY, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), for the purpose of giving further effect to Council Directive No. 2000/60/EC of 23 October 2000¹ in so far as that Directive relates to the establishment of programmes of measures and the production of river basin management plans, hereby make the following Regulations—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Water Policy) (Amendment) Regulations, 2008.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, “the Principal Regulations” means the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations, 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003) as amended by the European Communities (Water Policy) (Amendment) Regulations, 2005 (S.I. No. 413 of 2005).

Amendment of dates

3. The Principal Regulations are amended by the substitution of—

- (a) “16 October 2009” for “22 June 2009” in Regulations 12(1), 12(10), 12(11), 13(1), 13(10) and 13(11);
- (b) “22 December 2008” for “22 June 2008” in Regulations 12(3)(b) and 14(1)(c);
- (c) “30 October 2009” for “22 July 2009” in Regulations 12(11) and 13(11);
- (d) “16 October 2015” for “22 June 2015” in Regulations 12(12) and 13(12);
- (e) “one month” for “three months” in Regulations 12(4) and 13(5);
- (f) “by 11 December 2009” for “within five months of the publication of the programme in accordance with subarticle (1)” in Regulations 12(5) and 13(6);
- (g) “by 22 December 2009” for “six months after it has been published in accordance with subarticle (1)” in Regulations 12(6) and 13(7).

¹O.J. No. L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 1st July, 2008.*



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
20 June 2008

JOHN GORMLEY
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations, 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003) provide for transposition of the EU Water Framework Directive 2000 (Directive 2000/60/EC). These Regulations amend SI 722 of 2003 by—

- amending from 22 June 2008 to 22 December 2008 the deadline for publication of draft programmes of measures and draft river basin management plans;
- amending from 22 June 2009 to 16 October 2009 the deadline for the relevant local authorities to establish environmental objectives in relation to each river basin district, establish and publish the programmes of measures, and make and publish river basin management plans;
- amending from 22 July 2009 to 30 October 2009 the deadline for the publication of programmes of measures and river basin management plans, where the making of such programmes of measures and river basin management plans have become executive functions;
- amending the date on which the programmes of measures and the river basin management plans come into effect from “six months after they have first been published” to 22 December 2009;
- amending, from three months to one month, the period within which the EPA must provide a report to the Minister in relation to the programmes of measures and the river basin management plans;
- amending to 11 December 2009 the date by which the Minister may, as he considers appropriate, amend a programme of measures or a river basin management plan by notice issued to the co-ordinating authority (where previously he could make amendments within five months of the publication of the programme of measures or river basin management plan);
- amending from 22 June 2015 to 16 October 2015 the deadline for the relevant local authorities to review and update the programmes of measures and river basin management plans.

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