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ENVIRONMENT (ABSTRACTION OF GROUND WATER) REGULATIONS 2007

The Government wishes to advise that the Environment (Abstraction of Ground Water) Regulations 2007 will be coming into operation shortly.

The Regulations provide for the licensing of the abstraction of ground water by commercial operators or individuals who for domestic use extract more than 20 cubic metres in a 24hour period. Once the legislation comes into force, these persons shall only abstract ground water or cause or permit any other person to abstract any such water, except in pursuance of a licence granted by the Minister with responsibility for the environment.

A person, who contravenes these Regulations or any of the conditions or requirements imposed by the provisions of the licence, shall be committing an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine.

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon J J Netto has welcomed the introduction of these Regulations, as they will ensure that abstraction of ground waters will have no adverse effects on any Special Areas of Conservation or any natural habitats.

Applications for licences may be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Duke of Kent House, Line Wall Road.