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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 2238**

The Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006

PART 7

POWERS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN RELATION TO  
THE FUNCTIONS OF OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

**Powers**

**26.**—(1) The Secretary of State may at any time require a competent authority to provide information in relation to its functions under these Regulations.

(2) A request for information pursuant to paragraph (1)—

- (a) must be made in writing;
- (b) may specify the format in which information must be provided; and
- (c) may specify the period of time within which a response must be received.

(3) If an authority receives a request pursuant to paragraph (1) it must respond—

- (a) within the time period specified pursuant to paragraph (2)(c); or
- (b) if no such period is specified, within fourteen days of receipt of the request.

(4) Paragraph (5) applies where—

- (a) the Secretary of State has consulted the competent authority; and
- (b) he considers that by reason of any act or omission, or any likely act or omission, by the competent authority—

- (i) a requirement of these Regulations; or
  - (ii) a requirement imposed on the United Kingdom by the Directive,
- is unlikely to be met.

(5) The Secretary of State may exercise such of the functions of the competent authority as he considers appropriate.