

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 5(4)

Selection criteria for the screening decision

Characteristics of projects

1. The characteristics of projects, having regard in particular to—
 - (a) the size of the project;
 - (b) the cumulative effect of the project considered in conjunction with other projects;
 - (c) the use of natural resources;
 - (d) the production of waste;
 - (e) pollution and nuisances; and
 - (f) the risk of accidents, having regard in particular to substances or technologies used.

Location of project

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by projects, having regard in particular to—
 - (a) the existing land use;
 - (b) the relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area; and
 - (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—
 - (i) wetlands;
 - (ii) coastal zones;
 - (iii) mountain and forest areas;
 - (iv) nature reserves and parks;
 - (v) areas classified or protected under other legislation; special protection areas designated by EEA States pursuant to Council Directive [79/409/EEC\(1\)](#) and [92/43/EEC\(2\)](#);
 - (vi) areas in which environmental quality standards laid down in Community legislation have already been exceeded;
 - (vii) densely populated areas; and
 - (viii) landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

The potential impact

3. The potential significant effects of projects, in relation to criteria set out under 1 and 2 above, having regard in particular to—
 - (a) the extent of the impact (geographical area and size of the affected population);
 - (b) the impact on other EEA States;
 - (c) the magnitude and complexity of the impact;
 - (d) the probability of the impact; and

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(2) O.J. No. L206, 22.7.1992, p. 7

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(e) the duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact.