

SCHEDULE 10

Transitional and Savings Provisions

PART 2

Pollution Control

16. SEPA must, when considering an application referred to in paragraph 15—

- (a) assess the risk to the water environment posed by the carrying on of the authorised activity;
- (b) where the application is in respect of an activity that it considers has or is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the water environment—
 - (i) assess the indirect effects of that impact on any other aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected;
 - (ii) consider any likely adverse social and economic effects of that impact and of any indirect environmental effects identified in accordance with sub-paragraph (i); and
 - (iii) consider the likely environmental, social and economic benefits of the activity;
- (c) assess the impact of the controlled activity on the interests of other users of the water environment;
- (d) assess what steps may be taken to ensure efficient and sustainable water use;
- (e) apply the requirements of the legislation referred to in Part 1 of Schedule 4, including, in particular, the provisions of Article 4 of [^{F1}the Water Framework Directive] and Article 6 of the Groundwater Directive ^{F2}...; and
- (f) have regard to the provisions of the legislation referred to in Part 2 of Schedule 4,

and must, if they grant the application, ensure that the relevant authorisation complies with the requirements of these Regulations.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in sch. 10 para. 16(e) substituted (14.9.2015) by [The Water Environment \(River Basin Management Planning etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/211\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(e)(i)**
- F2** Word in sch. 10 para. 16(e) omitted (14.9.2015) by virtue of [The Water Environment \(River Basin Management Planning etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/211\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(e)(ii)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011, Paragraph 16.