

SCHEDULES

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THE SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

Members' interests

- 17 (1) A member who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in any matter that is brought up for consideration at a meeting of SEPA shall disclose the nature of his interest to the meeting; and, where such a disclosure is made—
- (a) the disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting; and
 - (b) the member shall not take any part in any deliberation or decision of SEPA or of any of its committees with respect to that matter.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) above, a general notification given at a meeting of SEPA by a member to the effect that he—
- (a) is a member of a specified company or firm, and
 - (b) is to be regarded as interested in any matter involving that company or firm,
- shall be regarded as a sufficient disclosure of his interest in relation to any such matter.
- (3) A member need not attend in person at a meeting of SEPA in order to make a disclosure which he is required to make under this paragraph if he takes reasonable steps to secure that the disclosure is made by a notice which is read and considered at the meeting.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, subject to such conditions as he considers appropriate, remove any disability imposed by virtue of this paragraph in any case where the number of members of SEPA disabled by virtue of this paragraph at any one time would be so great a proportion of the whole as to impede the transaction of business.
- (5) The power of the Secretary of State under sub-paragraph (4) above includes power to remove, either indefinitely or for any period, a disability which would otherwise attach to any member, or members of any description, by reason of such interests, and in respect of such matters, as may be specified or described by the Secretary of State.
- (6) Nothing in this paragraph precludes any member from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or voting on, any question whether an application should be made to the Secretary of State for the exercise of the power conferred by sub-paragraph (4) above.
- (7) In this paragraph—
- (a) any reference to a meeting of SEPA includes a reference to a meeting of any of SEPA's committees; and
 - (b) any reference to a member includes a reference to a person who is not a member of SEPA but who is a member of any such committee.