

[^{F1}SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 6(2)(c), 7(1A) and 8(1) and
(4)(a)(i)

Selection criteria for a screening notice or screening decision

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 substituted (16.5.2017) by The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/593), regs. 1(1), 17, **Sch. 1** (with reg. 19)

Characteristics of projects

1. The characteristics of restructuring projects or uncultivated land projects, with particular regard to—

- (a) the size and design of the whole project;
- (b) cumulation with other existing or approved projects;
- (c) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- (d) the production of waste;
- (e) pollution and nuisances;
- (f) the risk of major accidents or disasters which are relevant to the project, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge;
- (g) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

Location of projects

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by restructuring projects or uncultivated land projects, with particular regard to—

- (a) the existing and approved land use;
- (b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground;
- (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—
 - (i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths;
 - (ii) coastal zones and the marine environment;
 - (iii) mountain and forest areas;
 - (iv) nature reserves and parks;
 - (v) areas classified or protected under national legislation and Natura 2000 areas designated by member States pursuant to the Habitats Directive and the Wild Birds Directive;
 - (vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in EU legislation [^{F2}as it applied in the United Kingdom immediately prior to exit day, or in retained EU law] and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure;
 - (vii) densely populated areas;
 - (viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (England) (No.2) Regulations 2006, SCHEDULE 2. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(c)(vi) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/25), regs. 1(1), **5(10)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Type and characteristics of the potential impact

3. The likely significant effects of restructuring projects or uncultivated land projects on the environment in relation to criteria set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule, with regard to the impact of the project on the factors specified in regulation 15A(2), taking into account—

- (a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);
- (b) the nature of the impact;
- (c) the transboundary nature of the impact;
- (d) the intensity and complexity of the impact;
- (e) the probability of the impact;
- (f) the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact;
- (g) the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing or approved projects;
- (h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.]

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