

SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 57

“SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 2 and 4

MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN
GIVING A DIRECTION UNDER REGULATION 4(2)

Characteristics of relevant pipe-line works

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

Location of relevant pipe-line works

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the relevant pipe-line works, having regard in particular, 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, Natura 2000 areas designated by member states pursuant to [Directive 92/43/EEC](#) or [Directive 2009/147/EC](#);
 - (vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards laid down in EU legislation and relevant to the project or in which it is considered that there is such a failure;
 - (vii) densely populated areas; and
 - (viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

Type and characteristics of the potential impact

3. The likely significant effects of the relevant pipe-line works on the environment in relation to the criteria set out under paragraphs 1 and 2, and having regard in particular to the impact of the works on the factors specified in Article 3(1) of the Directive, 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);

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- (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 developments;
and
- (h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.”