

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 29

“SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 8(2)

Matters relevant to consideration of whether or not a Schedule A2 project is likely to have significant effects on the environment

**Characteristics of the project**

1. The characteristics of the project, 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 concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge; and
  - (g) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

**Location of the project**

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the project, 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 below ground in that area;
  - (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 or classified by member States pursuant to the Habitats Directive or 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 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.

**Types and characteristics of the potential impact**

3. The likely significant effects of projects on the environment in relation to the matters set out in paragraphs 1 and 2, with regard to the impact of the project on the factors specified in regulation 21A(2)(a) to (e) and with regard to—

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- (a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example the geographical area and the 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.”