

## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 5(4)

### SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE SCREENING DECISION

#### Characteristics of projects

1. The characteristics of projects, having regard in particular to—
  - (a) the size of the project;
  - (b) the cumulation with other projects;
  - (c) the use of natural resources;
  - (d) the production of waste;
  - (e) pollution and nuisances; and
  - (f) the risk of accidents, having regard in particular to substances or technologies used.

#### Location of project

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by projects, having regard in particular to—
  - (a) the existing land use;
  - (b) the relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area; and
  - (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—
    - (i) wetlands;
    - (ii) coastal zones;
    - (iii) mountain and forest areas;
    - (iv) nature reserves and national parks;
    - (v) areas classified or protected under legislation (including European sites);
    - (vi) areas in which environmental quality standards laid down in any legislation of the Communities have already been exceeded;
    - (vii) densely populated areas; and
    - (viii) landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

#### The potential impact

3. The potential significant effects of projects, in relation to criteria set out under 1 and 2 above, having regard in particular to—
  - (a) the extent of the impact (geographical area and size of the affected population);
  - (b) the impact on other EEA States;
  - (c) the magnitude and complexity of the impact;
  - (d) the probability of the impact; and
  - (e) the duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact.