

## SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 4(6)

### Selection criteria for screening Schedule 2 development

#### Characteristics of development

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

#### Location of development

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by development must be considered, having regard, in particular, to—
  - (a) the existing land use;
  - (b) the relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area;
  - (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 parks;
    - (v) areas classified or protected under Member States' legislation, areas designated by Member States pursuant to Council Directive [2009/147/EC](#) on the conservation of wild birds<sup>(1)</sup> and Council Directive [92/43/EEC](#) on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora<sup>(2)</sup>;
    - (vi) areas in which the environmental quality standards laid down in EU legislation have already been exceeded;
    - (vii) densely populated areas;
    - (viii) landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

#### Characteristics of the potential impact

3. The potential significant effects of development must be considered in relation to criteria set out under paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and having regard in particular to—
  - (a) the extent of the impact (geographical area and size of the affected population);
  - (b) the transfrontier nature of the impact;
  - (c) the magnitude and complexity of the impact;
  - (d) the probability of the impact;

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(1) O.J. No. L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7.

(2) O.J. No. L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.

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(e) the duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact.