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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2006 No. 387**

The Environmental Noise Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

PART 3

ACTION PLANS

CHAPTER 3

ACTION PLANS – RAILWAYS

**Application**

**29.** This Chapter applies to noise from railways

**Competent authority**

**30.** The competent authority for this Chapter is the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company.

**Duty to draw up, review and revise action plans: major railways**

**31.**—(1) No later than 30 April 2008 the competent authority shall—

- (a) draw up an action plan for places near first round major railways; and
- (b) submit that action plan to the Department.

(2) No later than 30 April 2013 the competent authority shall—

- (a) draw up an action plan for places near major railways; and
- (b) submit that action plan to the Department.

(3) Paragraph (4) applies—

- (a) whenever a major development occurs affecting the existing noise situation; and
- (b) at least every five years after the date on which an action plan is adopted or approved pursuant to regulation 47.

(4) The competent authority shall—

- (a) review; and
- (b) if necessary, revise;

the action plan.

(5) An action plan revised pursuant to paragraph (4)(b) shall be submitted to the Department within three working days of its revision.

**Duty to draw up, review and revise action plans: agglomerations**

**32.**—(1) No later than 30 April 2008 the competent authority shall—

- (a) draw up an action plan for places near railways within any relevant first round agglomeration; and
  - (b) submit that action plan to the Department.
- (2) No later than 30 April 2013 the competent authority shall—
- (a) draw up an action plan for places near railways within any relevant agglomeration; and
  - (b) submit that action plan to the Department.
- (3) Paragraph (4) applies—
- (a) whenever a major development occurs affecting the existing noise situation; and
  - (b) at least every five years after the date on which an action plan is adopted or approved pursuant to regulation 47.
- (4) The competent authority shall—
- (a) review; and
  - (b) if necessary, revise;
- the action plan.
- (5) An action plan revised pursuant to paragraph (4)(b) shall be submitted to the Department within three working days of its revision.