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PART 6

ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC NOISE MAPS AND ACTION PLANS

Adoption of strategic noise maps

- 23.**—(1) If the Secretary of State considers that a strategic noise map—
- (a) submitted to him pursuant to regulation 11 or 12;
 - (b) submitted to him pursuant to paragraph (4); or
 - (c) made or revised by him,

meets the requirements of regulation 4, he must adopt the map.

(2) If the Secretary of State considers that a strategic noise map submitted to him pursuant to regulation 11 or 12 or paragraph (4) does not meet the requirements of regulation 4 he may—

- (a) amend and adopt the map; or
- (b) reject the map.

(3) If a strategic noise map is rejected pursuant to paragraph (2)(b) the Secretary of State must notify the competent authority that submitted it of—

- (a) the reasons why the map was not adopted; and
- (b) the date by which the map must be revised and resubmitted.

(4) The recipient of a notification under paragraph (3) must submit the revised strategic noise map to the Secretary of State by the date specified in the notification.

(5) Paragraphs (1) to (4) apply to a revised strategic noise map as they apply to a strategic noise map submitted pursuant to regulation 11 or 12.

- (6) If the Secretary of State amends—
- (a) a strategic noise map; or
 - (b) a revised strategic noise map,

he must take such steps as he considers appropriate for ensuring that the map complies with the requirements of regulation 4.

Adoption of action plans

- 24.**—(1) If the Secretary of State considers that an action plan—
- (a) submitted to him pursuant to regulation 19(1)(b), 19(3)(b) or 19(6);
 - (b) submitted to him pursuant to paragraph (5); or
 - (c) drawn up or revised by him,

meets the requirements of regulation 15, he may adopt the action plan.

- (2) Paragraph (3) applies if—
 - (a) the Secretary of State considers that an action plan submitted to him pursuant to regulation 19(1)(b), 19(3)(b) or 19(6) does not meet the requirements of regulation 15; or
 - (b) an action plan is not adopted pursuant to paragraph (1).
- (3) Where this paragraph applies the Secretary of State must—
 - (a) amend and adopt the plan; or
 - (b) reject the plan.
- (4) If an action plan is rejected pursuant to paragraph (3)(b) the Secretary of State must notify the competent authority that submitted it of—
 - (a) the reasons why the plan was not adopted; and
 - (b) the date by which the plan must be revised and resubmitted.
- (5) The recipient of a notification under paragraph (4) must submit the revised action plan to the Secretary of State by the date specified in the notification.
- (6) Paragraphs (1) to (5) apply to a revised action plan as they apply to an action plan submitted pursuant to regulation 19(1)(b), 19(3)(b) or 19(6).
- (7) If the Secretary of State amends—
 - (a) an action plan; or
 - (b) a revised action plan,he must take such steps as he considers appropriate for ensuring that the action plan complies with the requirements of these Regulations.