

SCHEDULE 5

Criteria for the notification of a major accident to the European Commission

2. A major accident falling within paragraph (a), or having at least one of the consequences described in paragraphs (b) to (e)—

- (a) any fire or explosion or accidental discharge of a dangerous substance involving a quantity of at least 5% of the quantity in Column 3 of Part 1 or in Column 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1;
- (b) injury to persons and damage to property—
 - (i) a death;
 - (ii) six persons injured within the establishment and hospitalised for at least 24 hours;
 - (iii) one person outside the establishment hospitalised for at least 24 hours;
 - (iv) a dwelling outside the establishment damaged and unusable as a result of the accident;
 - (v) the evacuation or confinement of persons for more than 2 hours where the value (persons × hours) is at least 500; or
 - (vi) the interruption of drinking water, electricity, gas or telephone services for more than 2 hours where the value (persons × hours) is at least 1,000;
- (c) immediate damage to the environment—
 - (i) permanent or long term damage to terrestrial habitats—
 - (aa) 0.5 hectares or more of a habitat of environmental or conservation importance protected by legislation; or
 - (bb) 10 or more hectares of more widespread habitat, including agricultural land;
 - (ii) significant or long-term damage to freshwater and marine habitats—
 - (aa) 10 km or more of river or canal;
 - (bb) 1 hectare or more of a lake or pond;
 - (cc) 2 hectares or more of delta; or
 - (dd) 2 hectares or more of a coastline or open sea; or
 - (iii) significant damage to an aquifer or underground water: 1 hectare or more;
- (d) damage to property—
 - (i) damage to property in the establishment, to the value of at least EUR 2,000,000; or
 - (ii) damage to property outside the establishment, to the value of at least EUR 500,000;
- (e) cross-border damage: any major accident directly involving a dangerous substance giving rise to consequences outside the territory of the Member State concerned.