

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 7

Selection criteria for a screening decision

Characteristics of projects

1. The characteristics of projects, having regard in particular to—
 - (a) the size and design of the whole project;
 - (b) cumulation with other existing and/or approved projects;
 - (c) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
 - (d) the production of waste;
 - (e) pollution and nuisances;
 - (f) the risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge; and
 - (g) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution).

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 16.5.2017, see [reg. 1\(3\)](#)

Location of project

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by projects, having regard in particular to—
 - (a) the existing and approved land use;
 - (b) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground; and
 - (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—
 - (i) wetlands, riparian areas, river mouths;
 - (ii) coastal zones and the marine environment;
 - (iii) mountain and forest areas;
 - (iv) nature reserves and parks;
 - (v) areas classified or protected by legislation (including European sites);
 - (vi) areas in which there has already been a failure to meet the environmental quality standards, laid down in ^{F1}retained EU law] and relevant to the project, or in which it is considered that there is such a failure;
 - (vii) densely populated areas; and
 - (viii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [Sch. 2 para. 2\(c\)\(vi\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes and the Environmental Impact Assessment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/245\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#), [5\(10\)](#); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Wales) Regulations 2017, SCHEDULE 2*. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

I2 Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 16.5.2017, see [reg. 1\(3\)](#)

The potential impact

3. The likely significant effects of projects on the environment must be considered in relation to criteria set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule, with regard to the impact of the project on the factors specified in paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 3, taking into account—

- (a) the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);
- (b) the nature of the impact;
- (c) the transboundary nature of the impact;
- (d) the intensity and complexity of the impact;
- (e) the probability of the impact;
- (f) the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact;
- (g) the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and/or approved projects;
and
- (h) the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 16.5.2017, see [reg. 1\(3\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Wales) Regulations 2017, SCHEDULE 2.