
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Harbour Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Consultation on and holding of inquiry into proposed harbour works

10.—(1) The appropriate Department shall direct the developer to supply such bodies as it may specify, being bodies appearing to it to be likely to have an interest in the project by reason of their environmental responsibilities, with copies of the environmental statement supplied to it under regulation 5(9) or 6(10).

(2) Where the developer is not the harbour authority, the appropriate Department shall direct the developer to supply the harbour authority with copies of the information supplied to it under regulation 5(9) or 6(10).

(3) Where it has given a direction under paragraph (1) or (2) the appropriate Department shall consult the bodies specified under paragraph (1), or the harbour authority as the case may be, before reaching a decision on the merits of the proposed harbour works.

(4) The appropriate Department may if it thinks fit cause an inquiry to be held by a person appointed by it into a proposal to carry out harbour works and it shall afford to the developer, to any persons who have made representations to it, and to the bodies specified in any direction under paragraph (1) and to the harbour authority mentioned in any direction given under paragraph (2), the opportunity to appear before the person appointed by it for the purpose.

(5) Paragraphs 3 to 8 of Schedule 8 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972⁽¹⁾ (which relate to the giving of evidence at, and the expenses incurred in relation to inquiries) shall apply to an inquiry held under paragraph (4) as they apply in relation to an inquiry under that Schedule.