
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Environmental Impact Assessment
(Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999**

Assistance in preparation of environmental statements

12.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) below, the Commissioners, each of the countryside bodies and the local authority for the area in which it is proposed to carry out the project shall, if requested by an applicant for consent, and may without such a request, enter into consultation with an applicant for consent to determine whether the Commissioners, the countryside body or the local authority have in their possession any information which may be relevant to the preparation of the environmental statement and if the Commissioners, the countryside body or local authority have such information, they shall make it available to the applicant.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall not require disclosure of information which is capable of being treated as confidential, or must be so treated, under regulation 4 of the Environmental Information Regulations 1992⁽¹⁾.

(3) Paragraph (1) above shall not prevent the Commissioners or a countryside body imposing a charge reflecting the cost of making the information available (including the identification, preparation and copying of any information) or making the payment of such a charge a condition of providing the information.

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1992/3240, amended by S.I.1998/1447.