## SCHEDULE 7

## PART 2

## DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATIONS AND VARIATION NOTICES

- **10.** Where an application or proposal to serve a variation notice is forwarded to the Secretary of State for onward transmission to another Member State pursuant to paragraph 9, the Scottish Ministers shall notify the operator of the installation concerned and SEPA and—
  - (a) SEPA shall not determine the application (where the application has not been referred to the Scottish Ministers under paragraph 6) or serve the variation notice until the Scottish Ministers have notified it in writing (or in electronic form) that the bilateral consultations required by paragraph 9 have been completed and have forwarded to it any representations duly made on the application or proposed variation by persons in the other Member State which have been forwarded to the Scottish Ministers; and
  - (b) in the case of an application to be determined by SEPA, the time period within which to determine the application set out in paragraph 7 shall begin on the day on which it receives that notification by the Scottish Ministers that the bilateral consultations have been completed.