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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 2238**

The Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006

**PART 4**

ACTION PLANS

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

**[<sup>F1</sup>Consolidated noise maps**

**14.**—(1) The Secretary of State may compile a consolidated noise map in respect of any area covered by more than one strategic noise map.

(2) In this regulation, “strategic noise map” means a strategic noise map—

- (a) made or revised pursuant to regulation 7, 11 or 12; and
- (b) adopted pursuant to regulation 23.]

**F1** Reg. 14 substituted (25.7.2009) by [The Environmental Noise \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1610\)](#), regs. 1(b), **6(1)**

**[<sup>F2</sup>Duty to publish criteria or limit values**

**14A.**—(1) The Secretary of State must set out limit values or other criteria for the identification of priorities for action plans (“relevant criteria”) in such published form as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

(2) The Secretary of State must keep the relevant criteria under review and, where the Secretary of State considers it appropriate, make revisions.]

**F2** Reg. 14A added (25.7.2009) by [The Environmental Noise \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1610\)](#), regs. 1(b), **6(2)**

**Action plans: general requirements**

**15.**—(1) Any action plan drawn up or revised under this Part must—

- [<sup>F3</sup>(a)** aim to prevent and reduce environmental noise where necessary and particularly where exposure levels can induce harmful effects on human health;
- (aa)** aim to preserve environmental noise quality where it is good;]
- (b)** be designed to manage noise issues and effects, including noise reduction if necessary;
- (c)** aim to protect quiet areas in first round agglomerations and agglomerations against an increase in noise;

- [<sup>F4</sup>(d) address priorities which must be identified by having regard to the relevant criteria;]
- (e) apply in particular to the most important areas as established by strategic noise maps adopted pursuant to regulation 23; and
  - (f) meet the requirements in Schedule 4.
- (2) Paragraph (3) applies to—
- (a) any action plan; and
  - (b) any revision of an action plan,

drawn up under this Part for a first round agglomeration or an agglomeration.

- (3) An action plan and any revision of an action plan must be based upon and apply in particular to the most important areas as established by—
- (a) all strategic noise maps that—
    - (i) are made or revised pursuant to regulation 7, 11 or 12 and adopted pursuant to regulation 23, and
    - (ii) concern any part of the area addressed by the action plan; and
  - (b) a consolidated noise map to the extent that it concerns any part of the area addressed by the action plan.

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| <p><b>F3</b> Reg. 15(1)(a)(aa) substituted for reg. 15(1)(a) (31.12.2020) by The Environment (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/458), regs. 1(1), <b>6(4)</b>; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)</p> <p><b>F4</b> Reg. 15(1)(d) substituted (25.7.2009) by The Environmental Noise (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1610), regs. 1(b), 7</p> |
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**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006, CHAPTER 1.