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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006**

**PART 4**

**ACTION PLANS**

**CHAPTER 1**

**GENERAL**

**Duty to publish criteria or limit values and a consolidated noise map**

**14.**—(1) No later than 18th July 2007 the Secretary of State must publish guidance setting out limit values or other criteria for the identification of priorities for action plans.

(2) No later than 1st October 2007 the Secretary of State must compile and publish a consolidated noise map from all strategic noise maps that are made or revised pursuant to regulation 7, 11 or 12 and adopted pursuant to regulation 23.

**Action plans: general requirements**

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

- (a) meet the objectives of Article 1(c) of the Directive;
- (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;
- (d) address priorities which must be identified by having regard to guidance published pursuant to regulation 14(1);
- (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.