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PART 2

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL HABITATS AND HABITATS OF SPECIES

Register of European sites

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13.—(1) A register of European sites, in an appropriate format, must be compiled and maintained by—

- (a) the Secretary of State, in relation to European sites in England; and
- (b) the Welsh Ministers, in relation to European sites in Wales.

(2) The registers must include—

- (a) special areas of conservation, as soon as they are designated by the appropriate authority;
- (b) sites of Community importance as soon as they are placed on the list referred to in the third sub-paragraph of Article 4(2) of the Habitats Directive, until they are designated as special areas of conservation;
- (c) any site hosting a priority natural habitat type or priority species in respect of which consultation is initiated under Article 5(1) of the Habitats Directive, during the consultation period or pending a Council decision under Article 5(3);
- (d) areas classified pursuant to Article 4(1) or (2) of the old Wild Birds Directive or the new Wild Birds Directive, as soon as they are classified by the appropriate authority; and
- (e) any site which has been proposed to the European Commission under regulation 10 (selection of sites eligible for identification as of Community importance), until such time as paragraph (i) or (ii) of regulation 8(1)(e) applies.

(3) The appropriate authority, in relation to the register for which that authority is responsible—

- (a) may amend any entry;
- (b) must remove any entry relating to a site which is no longer a European site; and
- (c) must keep a copy available for public inspection at all reasonable hours and free of charge.

(4) An entry in the register in respect of a European site other than a European marine site is a local land charge.