#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

# The Control of Mercury (Enforcement) Regulations 2017

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# THE CONTROL OF MERCURY (ENFORCEMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

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### SCHEDULE 1 — Laws relating to mercury

- 1. The provisions of the Mercury Regulation are—Provision Subject matter...
- 2. The reference to an authorised waste management establishment in the...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Definitions relating to offshore installations

- 1. "Offshore installation"
- 2. "Offshore area"
- 3. "English offshore area"
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### SCHEDULE 3 — Provisions relating to appeals in Scotland

#### PART 1 — Appeals procedure

- 1. A person (the "appellant") who wishes to appeal under regulation...
- 2. The relevant documents are—(a) a written statement of the...
- 3. The notice of appeal must be given in accordance with...
- 4. The appellant may withdraw a notice of appeal by—
- 5. The Scottish Ministers may, in a particular case, allow a...
- 6. SEPA must, within 14 days of receipt of the notice...
- 7. Notice given under paragraph 6 must— (a) describe the subject...
- 8. SEPA must, within 14 days of giving notice under paragraph...
- 9. If an appeal is withdrawn, SEPA must give notice of...
- 10. SEPA may make written representations about the appeal to the...
- 11. Any representations by SEPA must be given to the Scottish...
- 12. The Scottish Ministers may, in a particular case, allow SEPA's...
- 13. SEPA must, at the same time as giving the representations...
- 14. The appellant may make further written representations relating to SEPA's...
- 15. The Scottish Ministers may, in a particular case, allow the...
- 16. The appellant must, at the same time as giving the...
- 17. The Scottish Ministers must— (a) give to the appellant and...
- 18. The Scottish Ministers may require exchanges of written representations between...

### PART 2 — Public hearings

- 19. Before determining an appeal under regulation 26(8) or 28(11), the...
- 20. A hearing must be held wholly or partly in private...
- 21. Where the Scottish Ministers cause a hearing to be held,...
- 22. If the Scottish Ministers, the appellant and SEPA agree, the...
- 23. Where any part of a hearing is to be held...
- 24. The Scottish Ministers may vary the date fixed for the...
- 25. If the Scottish Ministers vary the date under 24, they...
- 26. The persons entitled to be heard at a hearing are—...

- 27. Nothing in paragraph 26 prevents the appointed person from allowing...
- 28. The appointed person must cause notice of the time and...
- 29. The appointed person may do one or any combination of...
- 30. But the appointed person must not require any person to...
- 31. A person who is required to give evidence at a...
- 32. The expenses are to be treated as part of the...
- 33. The Scottish Ministers or the appointed person may make an...
- 34. The order may specify the person or persons by whom...
- 35. The Scottish Ministers or the appointed person may treat as...
- 36. In paragraph 35(a), "the standard amount" means an amount, if...
- 37. Where the Scottish Ministers or the appointed person make an...
- 38. The amount certified is a debt due by that person...
- 39. After the conclusion of a hearing of an appointed person,...
- 40. The report must include the conclusions and recommendations of the... PART 3 Determination of appeals
- 41. The Scottish Ministers must—(a) give written notice to the...
- 42. At the same time as giving notice under paragraph 41,...

**Explanatory Note** 

**Changes to legislation:**There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Control of Mercury (Enforcement) Regulations 2017.