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**2011 No.**

**The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011**

**PART III**

**Applications and Application Procedure**

**Accelerated determination of applications, variations and suspensions**

- 18.**—(1) This regulation applies if SEPA considers that, by reason of an emergency—
- (a) an application for an authorisation requires to be determined within a shorter period of time than the procedures provided in regulations 11 to 17 permit;
  - (b) the variation of an authorisation (whether proposed by SEPA under regulation 22 or applied for by a responsible person or operator under regulation 24) requires to be determined within a shorter period of time than the procedures provided in regulations 23 and 24 permit; or
  - (c) an authorisation requires to be suspended (whether in whole or in part) within a shorter period of time than the procedures provided in regulation 29 permit.
- (2) If this regulation applies, regulations 11, 12, 13, 15(3), (4) and (5), 16, 17, 23, 24(2), (3) and (4), and 29(2)(b) do not apply.
- (3) If this regulation applies, regulations 14, 15(1) and (6), and 20 apply to any variation proposed by SEPA under regulation 22 or applied for by a responsible person or operator under regulation 24 as if it were an application and the responsible person or operator, as the case may be, were the applicant.
- (4) If this regulation applies, an application—
- (a) must be made in such form and must be accompanied by such information as SEPA may from time to time require (and, if SEPA so determines, need not be in writing);
  - (b) must be subject to such charges as SEPA may prescribe in accordance with Schedule 5.
- (5) SEPA must determine whether to grant or refuse (in whole or in part) an application to which this regulation applies within such time period as it considers appropriate in all the circumstances.
- (6) When determining an application to which this regulation applies, SEPA must comply with regulation 15(1) only insofar as it is reasonably practicable for it to do so.
- (7) If SEPA decides to grant the variation of an authorisation under this regulation (whether or not proposed by SEPA under regulation 22), it must notify the responsible person or operator (as the case may be) of—
- (a) the variations being made to the authorisation; and
  - (b) the date on which the variations are to take effect.

(8) In this Part, “emergency” has, subject to paragraph (9), the same meaning as it does in section 1 of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004<sup>(1)</sup>;

(9) The Scottish Ministers may direct that a specified event or situation, or class of event or situation, is to be treated as an “emergency” for the purposes of this regulation, regulation 19(1), or regulation 20(6).

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<sup>(1)</sup> 2004 c.36.