

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 7(4)

### SELECTION CRITERIA FOR A SCREENING DECISION

#### 1. Characteristics of projects

The characteristics of projects, having regard in particular to—

- (a) the size of the project;
- (b) the cumulation with other projects;
- (c) the use of natural resources;
- (d) the production of waste;
- (e) pollution and nuisances; and
- (f) the risk of accidents, having regard in particular to substances or technologies used.

#### 2. Location of project

The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by projects, having regard in particular to—

- (a) the existing land use;
- (b) the relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area; and
- (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas:—
  - (i) wetlands;
  - (ii) coastal zones;
  - (iii) mountain and forest areas;
  - (iv) nature reserves and parks;
  - (v) areas classified or protected under legislation (including European sites);
  - (vi) areas in which environmental quality standards laid down in Community legislation have already been exceeded;
  - (vii) densely populated areas; and
  - (viii) landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

#### 3. The potential impact

The potential significant effects of projects, in relation to criteria set out under paragraphs 1 and 2 above, having regard in particular to—

- (a) the extent of the impact (geographical area and size of the affected population);
- (b) the impact on other member States;
- (c) the magnitude and complexity of the impact;
- (d) the probability of the impact; and
- (e) the duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact.