
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Electricity Works (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020

Amendment of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

4.—(1) The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017(1) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), after the definition of “electronic communication”, insert—
““emergency period” means the period beginning on 24 April 2020 and ending on the date on which Part 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 expires in accordance with section 12 of that Act;”.

(3) In regulation 14(1) (publication of EIA report) at the beginning insert “Subject to regulation 14A, ”.

(4) After regulation 14 (publication of EIA report) insert—

“Temporary relaxation of requirement for publication of EIA report

14A. Regulation 14(2)(c) applies during the emergency period as if “and the times and places at which” were omitted.”.

(5) In regulation 15(1) (publicity of determinations and provision of information to the planning authority), at the beginning insert “Subject to regulation 15A, ”.

(6) After regulation 15 (publicity of determinations and provision of information to the planning authority) insert—

“Temporary relaxation of requirement for planning authority to make documents available for public inspection

15A. Regulation 15(1) applies during the emergency period as if for “at all reasonable hours” to the end there were substituted “by electronic means”.

(7) In regulation 17(1) (copies of EIA report for the Scottish Ministers) at the beginning insert “Subject to regulation 17A, ”.

(8) After regulation 17 (copies of EIA report for the Scottish Ministers) insert—

“Temporary relaxation of requirement for hard copies of EIA report for the Scottish Ministers

17A. Regulation 17 applies during the emergency period—

(a) as if paragraphs (1) and (3) were omitted,

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(b) as if in paragraph (2) the words “other than by means of electronic communication” were omitted, and

(c) as if at the end of paragraph (2)(a) there were inserted “within 6 weeks of the last day of the emergency period”.”.

(9) After regulation 18(3) (copies of EIA report for the public) insert—

“(4) During the emergency period the developer is not required by this regulation to ensure that copies of the EIA report are available for inspections at a place or address.”.

(10) In regulation 20(1) (publication of additional information) at the beginning insert “Subject to regulation 20A, ”.

(11) After regulation 20 (publication of additional information) insert—

“Temporary relaxation of requirement for publication of additional information

20A. Regulation 20(3)(c) applies during the emergency period as if “and the times and places at which” were omitted.”.

(12) In regulation 23(3) (notification of decision) at the beginning insert “Subject to regulation 23A, ”.

(13) After regulation 23 (notification of decision) insert—

“Temporary relaxation of requirement to make decision notice available for inspection

23A. Regulation 23 applies during the emergency period as if paragraph (3)(a) were omitted.”.