

# Freedom of Information Act 2000

## **2000 CHAPTER 36**

#### PART VIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

## Power to make provision relating to environmental information.

- (1) In this section "the Aarhus Convention" means the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters signed at Aarhus on 25th June 1998.
- (2) For the purposes of this section "the information provisions" of the Aarhus Convention are Article 4, together with Articles 3 and 9 so far as relating to that Article.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make such provision as he considers appropriate—
  - (a) for the purpose of implementing the information provisions of the Aarhus Convention or any amendment of those provisions made in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention, and
  - (b) for the purpose of dealing with matters arising out of or related to the implementation of those provisions or of any such amendment.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may in particular—
  - (a) enable charges to be made for making information available in accordance with the regulations,
  - (b) provide that any obligation imposed by the regulations in relation to the disclosure of information is to have effect notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law,
  - (c) make provision for the issue by the Secretary of State of a code of practice,
  - (d) provide for sections 47 and 48 to apply in relation to such a code with such modifications as may be specified,
  - (e) provide for any of the provisions of Parts IV and V to apply, with such modifications as may be specified in the regulations, in relation to compliance with any requirement of the regulations, and

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- (f) contain such transitional or consequential provision (including provision modifying any enactment) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) This section has effect subject to section 80.

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