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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 6

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: POWERS OF DEVOLVED AUTHORITIES

##### *Power of the Northern Ireland department*

- 3 (1) The Northern Ireland department may give financial assistance, or arrange for financial assistance to be given, to any person for any of the following purposes—
- (a) the conservation, enhancement or restoration of the marine and aquatic environment;
  - (b) the promotion or development of commercial fish or aquaculture activities;
  - (c) the reorganisation of businesses involved in commercial fish or aquaculture activities;
  - (d) contributing to the expenses of persons involved in commercial fish or aquaculture activities;
  - (e) maintaining or improving the health and safety of individuals who are involved in commercial fish or aquaculture activities;
  - (f) the training of individuals who are, were or intend to become involved in commercial fish or aquaculture activities, or are family members of such individuals;
  - (g) the economic development or social improvement of areas in which commercial fish or aquaculture activities are carried out;
  - (h) improving the arrangements for the use of catch quotas or effort quotas;
  - (i) the promotion or development of recreational fishing.
- (2) Financial assistance given under, or under arrangements made pursuant to, subparagraph (1) must be given in accordance with a scheme established by regulations made by the Northern Ireland department.
- (3) The scheme may only provide for financial assistance to be given—
- (a) in relation to Northern Ireland or the Northern Ireland zone, or
  - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland fishing boats.
- (4) The scheme may—
- (a) confer functions (including functions involving the exercise of a discretion) on a person;
  - (b) require a person on whom functions are conferred to keep, and make available for inspection, accounts and other records;
  - (c) require the Northern Ireland department, or another person, to publish specified information about financial assistance given in accordance with the scheme.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (4)(c) “specified” means specified by the scheme; and information that may be specified under that provision includes information about—
- (a) the recipient of the financial assistance;

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- (b) the amount of the financial assistance;
  - (c) the purpose for which the financial assistance was given.
- (6) The scheme may not impose a duty to publish information where its publication would (taking the duty into account) contravene the data protection legislation (within the meaning of the Data Protection Act 2018).
- (7) The scheme may include provision under which—
  - (a) financial assistance is given subject to conditions specified by, or in accordance with, the scheme;
  - (b) financial assistance is required to be repaid in circumstances specified by, or in accordance with, the scheme.
- (8) Regulations under this paragraph are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.
- (9) In this paragraph—
  - “family member”, in relation to an individual (“P”), means—
    - (a) P's spouse or civil partner,
    - (b) a child or grandchild of P or of P's spouse or civil partner, or
    - (c) a parent or grandparent of P or of P's spouse or civil partner;
  - “financial assistance” means grants or loans.

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