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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: NORTHERN IRELAND

PART 2

POLICY STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Policy statement on environmental principles: process

- 7 (1) The Department must prepare a draft of the policy statement on environmental principles.
- (2) The Department must consult—
- (a) the other Northern Ireland departments,
 - (b) the Secretary of State, and
 - (c) such other persons as the Department considers appropriate,
- in relation to the draft statement.
- (3) The Department must lay the draft statement before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- (4) If before the end of the 21 day period the Northern Ireland Assembly passes a resolution in respect of the draft statement, the Department must produce a response and lay it before the Assembly.
- (5) The Department must prepare and lay before the Northern Ireland Assembly the final statement, but not before—
- (a) if sub-paragraph (4) applies, the day on which the Department lays the response required by that sub-paragraph, or
 - (b) otherwise, the end of the 21 day period.
- (6) The final statement has effect when it is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- (7) The Department must publish the statement when it comes into effect.
- (8) The “21 day period” is the period of 21 sitting days beginning with the first sitting day after the day on which the draft statement is laid under sub-paragraph (3).
- (9) “Sitting day” means a day on which the Northern Ireland Assembly sits.
- (10) The requirements in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) may be met by the preparation of a draft statement, and consultation, before this paragraph comes into force.
- (11) The Department may prepare a revised policy statement on environmental principles at any time (and sub-paragraphs (1) to (9) apply in relation to any revised statement).

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Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 2 para. 7 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
I2 [Sch. 2 para. 7](#) in force at 25.7.2022 by [S.R. 2022/54](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

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