

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 2716

The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994

[^{F1}PART IV

ADAPTATION OF PLANNING AND OTHER CONTROLS

General provisions for protection of European sites

[^{F1}Assessment of implications for European site

48.—(1) A competent authority, before deciding to undertake, or give any consent, permission or other authorisation for, a plan or project which—

- (a) is likely to have a significant effect on a European site in Great Britain [^{F2}or a European offshore marine site] (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and
- (b) is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site,

shall make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site in view of that site's conservation objectives.

(2) A person applying for any such consent, permission or other authorisation shall provide such information as the competent authority may reasonably require for the purposes of the assessment [^{F3}or to enable the competent authority to determine whether an appropriate assessment is required].

(3) The competent authority shall for the purposes of the assessment consult the appropriate nature conservation body and have regard to any representations made by that body within such reasonable time as the authority may specify.

(4) They shall also, if they consider it appropriate, take the opinion of the general public; and if they do so, they shall take such steps for that purpose as they consider appropriate.

(5) In the light of the conclusions of the assessment, and subject to regulation 49, the authority shall agree to the plan or project only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the European site [^{F4}or European offshore marine site (as the case may be)].

(6) In considering whether a plan or project will adversely affect the integrity of the site, the authority shall have regard to the manner in which it is proposed to be carried out or to any conditions or restrictions subject to which they propose that the consent, permission or other authorisation should be given.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Regulations revoked (E.W.) (1.4.2010 except so far as relating to the revocation in relation to W. of reg. 36 and specified words in reg. 3(3), 12.12.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/490\)](#), regs. 1(2)(4)(b), **133(3)** (with regs. 125, 134)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994, Section 48. (See end of Document for details)

- F2** Words in reg. 48(1)(a) inserted (21.8.2007) by The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1843), regs. 2(1), **5(23)(a)** (with reg. 9)
- F3** Words in reg. 48(2) inserted (S.) (15.2.2007) by The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/80), regs. 2, **18**
- F4** Words in reg. 48(5) inserted (21.8.2007) by The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1843), regs. 2(1), **5(23)(c)** (with reg. 9)
- F5** Reg. 48(7) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/113), regs. 1, **20**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 48 in force at 30.10.1994, see **reg. 1(2)**

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