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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 293**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact  
Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999**

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**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999**

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SCHEDULE 1 — DESCRIPTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEFINITION OF “SCHEDULE 1 DEVELOPMENT”

Interpretation

Descriptions of development

1. Descriptions of development
2. (a) Thermal power stations and other combustion installations with a...
3. (a) Installations for the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuel.
4. (a) Integrated works for the initial smelting of cast-iron and...
5. Installations for the extraction of asbestos and for the processing...
6. Integrated chemical installations, that is to say, installations for the...
7. (a) Construction of lines for long-distance railway traffic and of...
8. (a) Inland waterways and ports for inland-waterway traffic which permit...
9. Waste disposal installations for the incineration, chemical treatment (as defined...
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11. Groundwater abstraction or artificial groundwater recharge schemes where the annual...
12. (a) Works for the transfer of water resources, other than...
13. Waste water treatment plants with a capacity exceeding 150,000 population...
14. Extraction of petroleum and natural gas for commercial purposes where...
15. Dams and other installations designed for the holding back or...
16. Pipelines for the transport of gas, oil or chemicals with...
17. Installations for the intensive rearing of poultry or pigs with...
18. Industrial plants for— (a) the production of pulp from timber...
19. Quarries and open-cast mining where the surface of the site...
20. Installations for storage of petroleum, petrochemical or chemical products with...

SCHEDULE 2 — DESCRIPTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICABLE THRESHOLDS AND CRITERIA FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEFINITION OF “SCHEDULE 2 DEVELOPMENT”

1. In the table below— “area of the works” includes any...
2. The table below sets out the descriptions of development and...

SCHEDULE 3 — SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SCREENING SCHEDULE 2 DEVELOPMENT

1. Characteristics of development
2. Location of development
3. Characteristics of the potential impact

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SCHEDULE 4 — INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION IN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS

PART I

1. Description of the development, including in particular—
2. An outline of the main alternatives studied by the applicant...
3. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to...
4. A description of the likely significant effects of the development...
5. A description of the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and...
6. A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1...
7. An indication of any difficulties (technical deficiencies or lack of...

PART II

1. A description of the development comprising information on the site,...
2. A description of the measures envisaged in order to avoid,...
3. The data required to identify and assess the main effects...
4. An outline of the main alternatives studied by the applicant...
5. A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1...

SCHEDULE 5 — STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS REVOKED

Explanatory Note