

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 8(2)

MATTERS RELEVANT TO CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER OR NOT AN ANNEX II PROJECT IS LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Characteristics of the project

1. The characteristics of the project, having regard, in particular, to—
 - (a) its size;
 - (b) the combined effect of the project and other plans and projects;
 - (c) the use of natural resources in the course of the project;
 - (d) the production of waste, pollution and nuisances; and
 - (e) the risk of accidents, having regard in particular to substances or technologies used.

Location of the project

2. The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by development under the project, having regard, in particular, to—
 - (a) their existing use;
 - (b) the relative abundance, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources in the area;
 - (c) the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—
 - (i) any wetland;
 - (ii) any coastal zone;
 - (iii) mountain and forest zones;
 - (iv) any nature reserve or parks;
 - (v) any area classified or protected under the legislation of any EEA State;
 - (vi) any area designated by any EEA State under the Wild Birds Directive or the Habitats Directive;
 - (vii) any area in which the environmental quality standards laid down in Community legislation have already been exceeded;
 - (viii) any densely populated area; and
 - (ix) any landscape of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.

Characteristics of the potential impact

3. The potential significant effects of development under the project in relation to the matters set out in paragraphs 1 and 2, having regard in particular to—
 - (a) the extent of the impact with reference to the geographical area and the size of the affected population;
 - (b) the nature of any impact on any other EEA state;
 - (c) the magnitude and complexity of the impact;
 - (d) the probability of the impact; and
 - (e) the duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact.