

SCHEDULE 5

Environmental permits

PART 1

Grant, variation, transfer and surrender of environmental permits

Public participation in relation to certain applications

6.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), if this paragraph applies the regulator must, within the consultation communication period,—

- (a) take the steps it considers appropriate to inform the public consultees of the application and the place and times its public register can be inspected free of charge;
- (b) invite the public consultees to make representations on the application; and
- (c) specify to the public consultees the address to which and the period within which representations must be made.

(2) The regulator must not inform the public consultees of information which is to be excluded from a public register in the interests of national security unless the appropriate authority directs that it must do so.

(3) The regulator must not inform the public consultees of information which is to be excluded from a public register because it is confidential information, unless the public consultee is—

- (a) a public authority and the information is necessary for the exercise of its functions; or
- (b) a sewerage undertaker and the information relates to the release of any substance into a sewer vested that undertaker.