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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 2610**

The Environmental Impact Assessment and  
Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by  
Marine Dredging) (Wales) Regulations 2007

**PART 3**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

**Opinion of the Welsh Ministers as to the content of the environmental statement**

7.—(1) In these Regulations, “environmental statement” (*“datganiad amgylcheddol”*) means a statement that includes —

- (a) at least the information set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
- (b) such of the information set out in Part 2 of that Schedule as is reasonably required to assess the environmental effects of the relevant project and which, having regard in particular to current knowledge and methods of assessment, the applicant can reasonably be required to compile,

and Schedule 1 has effect for these purposes.

(2) At the request of a prospective applicant, the Welsh Ministers must give an opinion as to the information to be provided by an environmental statement.

(3) Before giving an opinion, the Welsh Ministers must consult—

- (a) the prospective applicant;
- (b) the owner (if the owner is not the person requesting the opinion); and
- (c) the appropriate consultation bodies,

as to the information to be provided by the environmental statement.

(4) The Welsh Ministers must send a copy of an opinion given under this regulation to any person who has been consulted under paragraph (3).