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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: on the implementation of Directive 2003/35/EC

Thank you for your request for information on the implementation of Directive 2003/35/EC, which we received on 9th June 2014. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am writing to advise you that the information that you have requested is not held by Defra. I have however provided weblinks where you may be able to access the information requested.

I require information on the implementation of Directive 2003/35/EC:

(1) I require a list of all the UK published laws that implement the Directive 2003/35/EC: in the UK.

Defra does not hold this information. You can access information that is publicly available in the UK Aarhus Convention National Implementation Report. This weblink http://www.unece.org/env/pp/reports_trc_implementation_2014.html provides links to the track-change version in word of the final national implementation report as submitted by the UK to the Aarhus Convention secretariat. For the 2014 reporting cycle, the final clean report is available online through an interactive database at http://apps.unece.org/ehlm/pp/NIR/listnr.asp?YearID=2014&wf_Countries=GB&Que_r_ID=&LngIDg=EN&YearIDg=2014



(2) if only part of a UK published law implements Directive 2003/35/EC I require details of that part.

Defra does not hold this information.

(3) I require a list of all the UK published laws that contain a printed reference to Directive 2003/35/EC:

Defra does not hold this information. You may however be able to acquire a list by doing search at www.legislation.gov.uk.

(4) I require details of the published procedure that provides access to justice as required by Directive 2003/35/EC:

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In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs, and in keeping with the government's Transparency Agenda, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you will now be published on www.gov.uk together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. Please note that this will not include your personal data.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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