SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

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ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under section 18 of the Environment Act 2005, and for the purposes of further transposing Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC the Government has made the following Regulations—

Title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Freedom of Access to Information on the Environment (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and come into operation on the day of publication.

Amendment to regulations.

- 2. The Freedom of Access to Information on the Environment Regulations 2005 are amended—
 - (a) after regulation 18 insert-

"PART 5

Miscellaneous

Information to be made available in emergencies.

19.(1) In the event of an imminent threat to human health or the environment, whether caused by human activities or due to natural causes, all information held by or for public authorities which could enable the public likely to be affected to take measures to prevent or mitigate harm arising from the threat shall be disseminated, immediately and without delay by the public authority which holds the information.

- (2) Where the information is held on behalf of a public authority, the public authority shall take such steps as are required to enable the dissemination of the information referred to in subregulation (1) immediately and without delay.
- (4) The requirements of this regulation may be satisfied by creating links to internet sites where the information can be found.
- (5) The exceptions set out in regulation 12 apply to information to which this regulation applies.

Quality of information.

20. Without prejudice to regulation 5(4), it shall be the duty of a public authority which provides or disseminates information under these Regulations to ensure that that information is up to date, accurate and comparable, so far as the public authority reasonably believes."

Dated 2nd May, 2014.

DR J CORTES, Minister with responsibility for the environment, for the Government.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations amend the Freedom of Access to Information on the Environment Regulations 2005 for the purposes of further transposing Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC.