

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (SELECTION PROCEDURES)
REGULATIONS 1992**

The Minister for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 6 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 (No. 7 of 1992), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

REG 1

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Protection Agency (Selection Procedures) Regulations, 1992.

REG 2

2. (1) In these Regulations, any reference to an article which is not otherwise identified is a reference to an article of these Regulations.

(2) In these Regulations, any reference to a sub-article or paragraph which is not otherwise identified is a reference to the sub-article or paragraph of the provision in which the reference occurs.

(3) In these Regulations:—

"the Act of 1992" means the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992;

"Director General" means the Director General of the Agency;

"director" means a director of the Agency other than the Director General;

"the committee" means the committee provided for in section 21 of the Act of 1992.

REG 3

3. (1) Whenever a request is made under section 21 or section 24 of the Act of 1992 to the committee for the selection of candidates for appointment to be the Director General or to be a director—

(a) the committee shall meet on a day and at a time and place determined by the Secretary to the Government who shall cause to be communicated to the other members of the committee the day, time and place of the meeting, and

(b) the committee shall, before selecting candidates for appointment to the office of Director General or director pursuant to the request, as the case may be, cause an advertisement to be published inviting applications for appointment to such office.

(2) An advertisement published pursuant to paragraph (b) shall specify a period of not less than twenty-one days for the making of applications and any application which is not received by the committee within the period so specified shall be invalid.

REG 4

4. Applications shall include a curriculum vitae and particulars of the special knowledge and experience and other qualifications and personal qualities which the applicant considers relevant to the application, having regard to any qualifications specified by the Minister.

REG 5

5. Where the committee receive an application they may require the applicant to submit within a period of not more than twenty-one days such further particulars as they may require (including any evidence which the committee may reasonably require to verify any particulars given by the applicant in or in relation to his application).

REG 6

6. (1) Where the committee consider it necessary for the purposes of selecting candidates they may, subject to sub-article (2), invite applicants to attend for interview at a day, time and place determined by the committee.

(2) Where the committee decide to invite applicants to attend for interview pursuant to sub-article (1), the committee may in their absolute discretion invite to attend for interview only those applicants who, following due consideration of the information and particulars furnished by the applicants, appear to the committee to be likely to be suitable to be considered for selection as candidates for appointment to the office of Director General or director as the case may be.

REG 7

7. Where an applicant does not attend for interview at the day, time and place determined by the committee or does not furnish such particulars or evidence as may be requested within the specified period pursuant to article 5, the committee may, at their absolute discretion, decide that the applicant shall not be entitled to further consideration by the committee for selection as a candidate for appointment to the office of Director General or director as the case may be.

REG 8

8. (1) The committee shall hold such meetings as may be necessary for the performance of their functions.
- (2) The quorum for a meeting of the committee shall be four.
- (3) The Secretary to the Government shall preside at meetings of the committee at which he is present.
- (4) If the Secretary to the Government is not present at a meeting of the committee, a member of the committee selected by the committee shall preside at the meeting.
- (5) Every question at a meeting of the committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present.

REG 9

9. Subject to the provisions of article 8 the committee shall regulate their own procedure.

REG 10

10. An officer of the Minister for the Environment designated by the Secretary of the Department of the Environment shall act as secretary of the committee.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment
this 29th day of July, 1992.

MICHAEL SMITH,
Minister for the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Regulations set out the procedures to be adopted by the committee which has been established to select candidates for appointment to be the Director General or director of the Environmental Protection Agency and deal with related matters.