

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Protection of Water Against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 which require the Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture to ensure that measures are taken to reduce and prevent nitrate pollution from agricultural sources. The amendment requires the Departments to consult the competent authorities in the Republic of Ireland where waters in Northern Ireland are affected by pollution from waters in the Republic of Ireland, and to take appropriate remedial action.