

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2015 ([S.I. 2015/668](#)) (“the 2015 Regulations”) to make further consequential changes as a result of amendments made by the Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Amendment) Regulations 2016 ([S.I. 2016/1190](#)) (“the Amending Regulations”).

The Amending Regulations made several changes to the 2015 Regulations, including the insertion of regulation 5(3A)(b) to provide that notices can be sent after the designation of nitrate vulnerable zones for 2017 has taken place. The Amending Regulations omitted to make a consequential change to regulation 6(1) (which contains appeal rights against notices of designation) to include notices sent under regulation 5(3A)(b). This amendment is now made by these Regulations, along with a consequential change to regulation 6(2).

An amendment is also made to regulation 18 to remove a spent transitional provision.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.