

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers in section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68) and section 8 of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16).

These Regulations make amendments to environmental legislation, and in particular amend subordinate legislation in the field of air quality. Part 2 amends the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010 to transpose provisions of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC) concerning the contribution made by natural sources and winter sanding or salting of roads. Part 3 amends subordinate legislation in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside the instrument on the UK legislation website, www.legislation.gov.uk.