## STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

## 2007 No. 345

## The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

## Amendments to the Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

- **3.** In regulation 2 (interpretation and application)—
  - (a) in paragraph (2)—
    - (i) in the appropriate places insert the following definitions—

""the EC Treaty" means the Treaty establishing the European Community(1);

"European offshore marine site" means a European offshore marine site within the meaning of regulation 15 (meaning of European offshore marine site) of the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007(2);";

- (ii) for the definition of "the Habitats Directive" substitute—
  - ""the Habitats Directive" has the meaning given by paragraph (2A);"; and
- (iii) for the definition of "the Wild Birds Directive" (3) substitute—
  - ""the Wild Birds Directive" has the meaning given by paragraph (2A).".
- (b) after paragraph (2) insert the following paragraph—
  - "(2A) In these Regulations—
    - (a) subject to subparagraph (b)—
      - (i) "the Habitats Directive" means Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora as last amended by Council Directive 2006/105/EC of 20th November 2006 adapting Directives 79/409/EEC, 92/43/EEC, 97/68/EC, 2001/80/EC and 2001/81/EC in the field of environment, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania; and
      - (ii) "the Wild Birds Directive" means Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds as last amended by Council Directive 2006/105/EC of 20th November 2006 adapting Directives 79/409/EEC, 92/43/EEC, 97/68/EC, 2001/80/EC and 2001/81/EC in the field of environment, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania; and
    - (b) references to any Annex to the Habitats Directive are references to that Annex as amended from time to time."

<sup>(1)</sup> A consolidated version can be found at O.J. No. C321E, 29.12.06.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 2007 No. 1842

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds was last amended by Council Directive 2006/105/EC of 20 November 2006 adapting Directives 79/409/EEC, 92/43/EEC, 97/68/EC, 2001/80/EC and 2001/81/EC in the field of environment, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania (O.J. No. L363, 20.12.2006, p. 368; and see O.J. L80, 21.3.2007, p. 15, for the Corrigendum amending the original title).

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