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AMENDMENT OF THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS, &C.) REGULATIONS 1994

Amendment of regulation 9A

10.—(1) Regulation 9A (special protection areas: classification of sites) is amended as follows.

- (2) Omit sub-paragraph (4)(a).
- (3) After paragraph (4), insert—

"(5) In applying the criteria referred to in paragraphs (3)(a) and (b) in relation to any species, references in Articles 4(1) and 4(2) of the Wild Birds Directive to classifying the most suitable territories "in the geographical sea and land area where this Directive applies" are to be construed as referring to the most suitable territories in the United Kingdom's territory, having regard to the importance of such territories for ensuring the survival and reproduction of that species in their area of distribution.".