

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers in paragraph 1(1) and (3) of schedule 2, and paragraph 21(b) of schedule 7, of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular under section 8(2)(d) and (g) of that Act) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments to legislation in the field of water, flood risk management and environmental protection. Part 2 amends legislation concerning water. Part 3 amends legislation concerning flood risk management. Part 4 amends legislation concerning environmental protection, in particular in relation to environmental noise and air quality. Part 5 amends legislation relating to animals.

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in relation to these Regulations, as no impact upon business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.