

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend section 17D(2) of the Water Industry Act 1991 so as to reduce the threshold level for water supply to specified premises from 50 megalitres to 5 megalitres. The threshold is the minimum quantity of water estimated to be supplied annually to any premises by a licensed water supplier. A licensed water supplier may not enter into an undertaking with a new customer to supply water to their premises unless the threshold requirement is satisfied.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Competition & Consumer Protection Team, Area 2C, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Ergon House, c/o Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR. It is published on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) alongside the Explanatory Memorandum and this instrument.