

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular under paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of section 8(2)) arising from the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments in the field of public procurement. Part 2 amends primary legislation. Part 3 amends subordinate legislation. In particular, Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of Part 3 amend the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/102), the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/273) and the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/274), respectively, and Chapter 4 amends other subordinate legislation. Part 4 amends, and in one case revokes, retained direct EU legislation. Part 5 provides for certain rights etc derived from certain international agreements to cease. The Schedule makes transitional and saving provision.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this Instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.