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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

#### THE OFFICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: NORTHERN IRELAND

##### PART 1

###### THE OEP'S NORTHERN IRELAND FUNCTIONS

###### *Interpretation of Part 1 of this Schedule: general*

19 (1) In this Part of this Schedule—

“application for judicial review” is to be read in accordance with paragraph 12(10);

“current environmental improvement plan” has the meaning it has in Schedule 2 (see paragraph 1(8) of that Schedule);

“decision notice” means a notice given under paragraph 10;

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland;

“devolved environmental governance body” has the meaning it has in Part 1 of this Act (see section 47);

“devolved environmental governance function” has the meaning it has in Part 1 of this Act (see section 47);

“environmental improvement plan” has the meaning it has in Schedule 2 (see paragraphs 1 and 3(10) of that Schedule);

“environmental protection” has the meaning it has in Schedule 2 (see paragraph 10 of that Schedule);

“environmental review” has the meaning it has in Part 1 of this Act (see section 38);

“implementation body” has the meaning it has in section 55 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (see subsection (3) of that section);

“improving the natural environment”, in relation to an environmental improvement plan, is to be read in accordance with paragraph 1(5) of Schedule 2;

“information notice” means a notice given under paragraph 9;

“natural environment” has the meaning it has in Schedule 2 (see paragraph 9 of that Schedule);

“Northern Ireland devolved function” has the meaning given by paragraph 5(5);

“OEP” has the meaning given by section 22;

“parliamentary function” means a function in connection with proceedings in Parliament or the Northern Ireland Assembly;

“relevant department” has the meaning given by paragraph 7(11);

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“relevant environmental law” has the meaning given by paragraph 5(2);  
“relevant ombudsman” has the meaning it has in Part 1 of this Act (see section 23);  
“relevant public authority” has the meaning given by paragraph 5(3);  
“review application” has the meaning given by paragraph 12(2);  
“UK decision notice” has the meaning given by paragraph 11(11);  
“UK information notice” has the meaning given by paragraph 11(11).

(2) Section 41(3) of the [Interpretation Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1954 \(c. 33 \(N.I.\)\)](#) applies in relation to the laying of a document before the Northern Ireland Assembly under this Part of this Schedule, as it applies in relation to the laying of a statutory document under an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Sch. 3 para. 19 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(6\)\(7\)](#)  
**I2** [Sch. 3 para. 19](#) in force at 28.2.2022 by [S.R. 2022/54](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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