The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2 of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999(1) (the “1999 Act”), having, in accordance with section 2(4) of the 1999 Act, consulted the Environment Agency, such bodies or persons appearing to him to be representative of the interests of local government, industry, agriculture and small businesses respectively as he considers appropriate and such other bodies and persons as he considers appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations, a draft of which has, in accordance with section 2(8) of that Act, been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

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(1) 1999 c. 24; the Secretary of State can exercise these powers only in relation to England and Wales—see section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46) and section 5(3) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999.