

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1012

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

PART 2

Conservation of Natural Habitats and Habitats of Species

Register of European sites

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17.—(1) A register of European sites, in an appropriate format, must be compiled and maintained by—

- (a) the Secretary of State, in relation to European sites in England; and
- (b) the Welsh Ministers, in relation to European sites in Wales.

(2) The registers must include—

- (a) special areas of conservation, as soon as they are designated by the appropriate authority;
- (b) sites of Community importance [^{F1}which before exit day were] placed on the list referred to in the third sub-paragraph of Article 4(2) of the Habitats Directive, until they are designated as special areas of conservation;

^{F2}(c)

- (d) areas classified pursuant to Article 4(1) or (2) of the old Wild Birds Directive or the new Wild Birds Directive, as soon as they are classified by the appropriate authority; and
- (e) any site which has been proposed to the European Commission [^{F3}before exit day] until such time as regulation 8(1)(e)(i) or (ii) applies.

(3) The appropriate authority, in relation to the register for which that authority is responsible—

- (a) may amend any entry;
- (b) must remove any entry relating to a site which is no longer a European site; and
- (c) must keep a copy available for public inspection at all reasonable hours and free of charge.

(4) An entry in the register in respect of a European site other than a European marine site is a local land charge.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 17(2)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/579\)](#), regs. 1, **14(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Reg. 17(2)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/579\)](#), regs. 1, **14(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in reg. 17(2)(e) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/579\)](#), regs. 1, **14(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation:

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, Section 17 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 41(2)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 38\(5\)](#)
- reg. 108(6) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 39\(6\)](#)
- reg. 111(2)(aa)(ab) substituted for reg. 111(2)(a)(b) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 40\(3\)\(a\)](#)