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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers in 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 section 8(2)(a) and (c)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Council Regulation (EC) No 116/2009 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1081/2012, both concerning the export of cultural goods, became retained direct EU legislation and formed part of domestic law on exit day under section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. These Regulations immediately revoke both those Regulations.

These Regulations are also made in exercise of the powers in section 1 of the Export Control Act 2002 in order to amend the definitions of ‘the Commissioners’ and ‘EU licence’ in the Export of Objects of Cultural Interest (Control) Order 2003.

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.