

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 arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union. They relate to the categories of deficiencies in retained EU law specified in section 8(2)(a), (c), (d) and (g) of that Act.

These Regulations make amendments to legislation relating to civil legal aid in England and Wales and in Northern Ireland. Part 2 amends the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c.10) and the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/435 (N.I. 10)) and Part 3 amends subordinate legislation. Part 4 contains transitional provisions.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ and is published on <https://legislation.gov.uk>.