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# The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

## PART 4

Amendments to the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

### Amendment of regulation 12 (classification of sites as special protection areas)

- **39.**—(1) Regulation 12 is amended as follows.
- (2) For paragraph (4) substitute—
  - "(4) In applying the criteria referred to in sub-paragraphs (3)(a) and (b), references in Articles 4(1) and (4(2) of the Wild Birds Directive to classifying the most suitable territories "in the geographical sea and land area where this Directive applies" are to be construed as referring to the most suitable sites in the offshore marine area, having regard to the importance of such territories for ensuring the survival and reproduction of that species in their area of distribution."
- (3) Omit paragraphs (5) and (6).