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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 696/2019) (“the 2019 Regulations”), which amended a number of pieces of legislation 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.

The 2019 Regulations amend various pieces of legislation that implement EU law on a UK-wide basis. The amendments made in the 2019 Regulations to these pieces of legislation also extend to the whole United Kingdom. The Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland in the withdrawal agreement requires that the EU legislation listed in Annex 2 to that Protocol is implemented in Northern Ireland. Regulation 2 of these Regulations therefore amends the extent of the 2019 Regulations so that the majority of the amendments made in the 2019 Regulations only extend to Great Britain, with the exception of those that amend the Hallmarking Act 1973 and those that amend or revoke retained direct EU legislation. The legislation amended by the 2019 Regulations as regards Great Britain will therefore stay as it is in respect of Northern Ireland, thereby implementing the legislation listed in Annex 2 to the Protocol.

Regulation 3 omits Part 4 of the 2019 Regulations. Part 4 amends legislation relating to Northern Ireland, 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. Again the Protocol requires that the EU legislation that is implemented by the legislation that was amended by Part 4 continues to be implemented in Northern Ireland.

Regulation 4 amends the 2019 Regulations to amend definitions of “the market” in various pieces of legislation as they apply in Great Britain to make clear that the market to which the amendments relate is the market of Great Britain, rather than the market of the United Kingdom.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.