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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 971**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ENGLAND**

**The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton  
Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020**

*Made - - - - 10th September 2020*

*Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 140(1) (b) and (c), (3)(c) and (d) and (9) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990<sup>(1)</sup> (“the 1990 Act”) and section 62(2) of the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008<sup>(2)</sup> (“the 2008 Act”).

The Secretary of State—

- (a) has published a notice in the London Gazette as required by section 140(6)(b) of the 1990 Act<sup>(3)</sup> and has considered the representations made in accordance with that notice;
- (b) is satisfied in accordance with section 66 of the 2008 Act that local authorities (who are regulators for the purposes of these Regulations) will act in accordance with the principles referred to in section 5(2) of that Act in exercising a power conferred by these Regulations<sup>(4)</sup>;
- (c) considers it appropriate to make these Regulations for the purpose of preventing the articles specified in them from causing pollution of the environment and harm to the health of animals.

In accordance with section 62(3) of the 2008 Act, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1990 c. 43. Section 140(3)(c) was amended by S.I. 1999/1108.

<sup>(2)</sup> 2008 c. 13.

<sup>(3)</sup> Section 140(6)(b) was amended by S.I. 2012/1923.

<sup>(4)</sup> For the purposes of these Regulations, “regulator” has the meaning given by regulation 2, rather than the meaning given by section 37 of the 2008 Act.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020, Introductory Text.