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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 1013**

The Conservation of Offshore Marine  
Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

**PART 2**

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL HABITATS AND HABITATS OF SPECIES

*European offshore marine sites*

[<sup>F1</sup>Priorities for designating special areas of conservation

7A. The relevant administration must establish priorities for the designation of sites in the light of—

- (a) the importance of the sites for the maintenance or restoration at a favourable conservation status of—
  - (i) a natural habitat type specified in Annex I to the Habitats Directive; or
  - (ii) a species specified in Annex II to the Habitats Directive;
- (b) the importance of the sites for the coherence of national site network; and
- (c) the threats of degradation or destruction to which the sites are exposed.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Reg. 7A inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/579\)](#), regs. 1, 36; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, Section 7A.