

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by 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 (in particular under section 8(2)(a) and (g) of that Act) arising from the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments to domestic legislation that implements, in part, Council Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment. More specifically these Regulations make amendments to domestic legislation concerned with environmental impact assessments in the context of land drainage improvement works, forestry, water resources, agriculture and marine works.

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