EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in part in exercise of the powers conferred by 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 section 8(2)(a), (b), (c) and (g)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union. They are also made in part to amend domestic legislation that is out of date.

These Regulations make amendments to legislation in the field of environmental protection and, in particular, amend legislation on international waste shipments. Parts 2 and 3 amend subordinate legislation. Part 4 amends Annex 20 to the EEA agreement so far as that Annex forms part of domestic law. Part 5 amends retained direct EU legislation.

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