STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2020 No. 971

# **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ENGLAND**

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

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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PLASTIC STRAWS, COTTON BUDS AND STIRRERS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2020

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Explanatory Note

# Changes to legislation:

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