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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

PART II

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL HABITATS AND HABITATS OF SPECIES

*European sites*

*Meaning of “European site” in these Regulations*

9.—(1) In these Regulations a “European site” means—

- (a) a special area of conservation,
- (b) a site of Community importance which has been placed on the list referred to in the third sub-paragraph of Article 4(2) of the Habitats Directive,
- (c) a site hosting a priority natural habitat type or priority species in respect of which consultation has been initiated under Article 5(1) of the Habitats Directive, during the consultation period or pending a decision of the Council under Article 5(3), or
- (d) an area classified pursuant to Article 4(1) or (2) of the Wild Birds Directive.

(2) Sites which are European sites by virtue only of paragraph 1(c) are not within regulations 17 and 43 (which relate to the approval of certain plans and projects); but this is without prejudice to their protection under other provisions of these Regulations.