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## [<sup>F1</sup>EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Surface Waters (Shellfish) (Classification) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1997 (“the 1997 Regulations”).

These Regulations update the 1997 Regulations to reflect the revocation of Council Directive [79/923/EEC](#) as amended, and the consolidation of its terms with minor amendments in Directive [2006/113/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality required of shellfish waters, (O.J. No L376, 27.12.2006, p.14).

The 1997 Regulations as amended prescribe a system for classifying the quality of shellfish waters, and apply to coastal and brackish waters requiring protection or improvement in order to support shellfish life and growth, to contribute to the high quality of shellfish products directly edible by man.]

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