

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Groundwater Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (“the Principal Regulations”) in the following ways.

Regulation 2 is amended to take account of amendments made by Commission Directive 2014/80/EU of 20 June 2014 amending Annex II to Directive [2006/118/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration.

Regulation 18 is substituted to include the provision for the Department to review authorisations at anytime and where necessary update the authorisation irrespective of the date of when the authorisation was granted.

The Schedule is amended to take account of amendments made to Directive [2006/118/EC](#) by Directive 2014/80/EU and to amend the ‘lead’ parameter threshold to bring it in line with the drinking standard set in Directive [98/83/EC](#) of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption.