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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations update the Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 ([S.R. 2010 No.188](#)). Those Regulations transpose [Directive 2008/50/EC](#) on ambient air quality etc. and [Directive 2004/107/EC](#) relating to arsenic etc. in ambient air. Both Directives were amended by Commission Directive 2015/1480.

Regulation 3 amends the definition of “[Directive 2008/50/EC](#)” so that each reference to the Directive in the Regulations is a reference to the Directive as amended by Commission Directive 2015/1480. A similar change is made to the definition of “[Directive 2004/107/EC](#)”.

Regulations 4 and 5 make amendments to Schedule 1 (which concerns sampling points). Regulation 4 makes amendments to Part 3 of Schedule 1. The changes follow amendments made by Commission Directive 2015/1480 to Section C of Annex III to [Directive 2008/50/EC](#).

Regulation 4 also corrects a drafting error in the previous Regulations relating to the distance of traffic-oriented samplers from the roadside.

Regulation 5 inserts a new Part 4 in Schedule 1. The new Part 4 concerns documentation and review of site selection. This change follows the replacement by Commission Directive 2015/1480 of Section D of Annex III to [Directive 2008/50/EC](#).

An impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.