EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 ("the principal Regulations") to the effect that dredging involving the extraction of minerals in harbour areas is caught by the principal regulations (regulation 2(2)).

The Regulations also amend the definition of "enactment" in relation to dredging exemptions falling outwith the scope of the Regulations.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment was prepared in respect of the principal Regulations, copies of which can be obtained from the Scottish Government Planning Directorate, Area 2H, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.