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Amendments to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

Amendment of regulation 15 (classification of sites as special protection areas)

- **12.**—(1) Regulation 15 is amended as follows.
- (2) For paragraph (4) substitute—

"(4) In applying the criteria referred to in sub-paragraphs (3)(a) and (b) in relation to any species, references in Articles 4(1) and (2) of the new Wild Birds Directive to classifying the most suitable territories "in the geographical sea and land area where this Directive applies" are to be construed as referring to the most suitable territories in the United Kingdom's territory, having regard to the importance of such territories for ensuring the survival and reproduction of that species in their area of distribution".

(3) Omit paragraphs (5) and (6).