

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) and section 14(1) of, paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7, to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16) in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular under section 8(2)(a),(b), (c), (d), (f) and (g)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments to legislation in the field of biodiversity protection in relation to England, Wales and offshore waters. Part 2 amends primary legislation and Parts 3, 4 and 5 amend subordinate legislation.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.