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# The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

## PART 4

Amendments to the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

#### New regulation 7A

**36.** After regulation 7, insert—

## "Priorities for designating special areas of conservation

- **7A.** The relevant administration must establish priorities for the designation of sites in the light of—
  - (a) the importance of the sites for the maintenance or restoration at a favourable conservation status of—
    - (i) a natural habitat type specified in Annex I to the Habitats Directive; or
    - (ii) a species specified in Annex II to the Habitats Directive;
  - (b) the importance of the sites for the coherence of national site network; and
  - (c) the threats of degradation or destruction to which the sites are exposed.".