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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68), and section 8(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16). They address cross-references to EU law that are obsolete; and address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular under sections 8(2)(a), 8(2)(c), 8(2)(d), 8(2)(g) and 8(3)(a)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments to legislation in the field of consumer protection and, in particular, amend legislation relating to applicable law in consumer contracts, labelling, unfair terms relating to language and after-sales service, alternative dispute resolution and the online dispute resolution platform. Part 2 amends subordinate legislation in exercise of the powers conferred by the European Communities Act 1972. Parts 3, 4, 5 and 6 make amendments in exercise of the powers conferred by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. Part 3 amends primary legislation, Part 4 amends subordinate legislation, Part 5 revokes retained direct EU legislation and Part 6 makes transitional provisions.

A full impact assessment on the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Consumer and Competition Policy Directorate, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET or from [www.gov.uk/beis](http://www.gov.uk/beis), and is also annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside these Regulations at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk>.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Consumer Protection (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.