EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by 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)(b), (d) and (g)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments to legislation in the field of the marine environment and, in particular, marine strategy. Part 2 amends primary legislation (the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23)), Part 3 amends subordinate legislation (the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1627) and the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/409)), and Part 4 amends other legislation (Commission Decision (EU) 2017/848).

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