
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) and (f)) arising from the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.

The Regulations provide for legislative functions of the European Commission under various environmental Directives to be exercisable instead by a public authority in the United Kingdom.

Part 2 contains functions from Directives relating to air quality.

Part 3 contains a function from the Environmental Noise Directive (Directive 2002/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise).

Part 4 contains functions from the INSPIRE Directive (Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community).

Part 5 inserts functions from the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy) into the Marine Strategy Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1627).

Part 6 contains functions from Directives relating to water quality.

Part 7 contains procedural provisions and other supplementary matters relating to the regulation-making powers.

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