EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made under section 8(1) of, 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) to (d) and (g) of that Act) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Part 1 amends retained direct EU legislation relating to aquatic animal health. Part 2 amends retained direct EU legislation on alien and locally absent species in aquaculture.

Part 3 amends direct retained EU legislation on alien and locally absent species in aquaculture. Part 4 makes modifications to Directive 2006/88/EC for the purposes of any enactment which provides that that Directive is to be read subject to those modifications.

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