

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(1) and 8C of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16). They deal with matters arising out of, or related to, the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in the EU withdrawal agreement (regulations 2 to 6), and make additional provision to address deficiencies in retained EU law (in particular under section 8(2)(a) of the 2018 Act) (regulation 7).

These Regulations make amendments to legislation in the field of environmental protection, and, in particular, amend legislation relating to the risk assessment, deliberate release, transboundary movements, traceability and labelling, unique identifiers, and placing on the market of genetically modified organisms.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument.