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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 971**

The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton  
Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020

PART 6

Enforcement and civil sanctions

**Enforcement**

**18.**—(1) A regulator may authorise any person to exercise, for an authorised purpose and in accordance with the terms of the authorisation, any of the powers specified in regulation 20, if that person appears to the regulator suitable to exercise them.

(2) An authorisation under paragraph (1) must be in writing.

(3) In this Part—

“authorised purpose” means the purpose of determining whether an offence under Parts 2 to 4 has been or is being committed, or any requirement of a compliance notice, a stop notice or an enforcement undertaking under these Regulations has been or is being contravened;

“enforcement officer” means a person authorised under paragraph (1).

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**Commencement Information**

**11** Reg. 18 in force at 1.10.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020, Section 18.