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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 982**

The Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023

PART 6

Amendments

**Amendment of the Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (England) Regulations 2017**

**14.** The Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (England) Regulations 2017(1) are amended in accordance with Schedule 2.

**Amendment of the Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020**

**15.** The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020(2) are amended in accordance with Schedule 3.

**Amendments: transitional provision**

**16.** In relation to any offence for which a variable monetary penalty has been imposed, or a notice of intent to impose a variable monetary penalty has been served, before these Regulations came into force—

- (a) the Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (England) Regulations 2017 apply as if the amendments in paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 had not been made;
- (b) the Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020 apply as if the amendments in paragraphs 2(c) and 7 of Schedule 3 had not been made.

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(1) S.I. 2017/1312, amended by the Sentencing Act 2020 (c. 17) and by S.I. 2022/500 (C. 18) and 2023/149.

(2) S.I. 2020/971, amended by S.I. 2022/500 (C. 18) and 2023/149.