EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) ("the 2018 Act") in order to address failures of EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular under section 8(2)(a), (d) and (g) of the 2018 Act) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Regulations 2 to 7 make minor amendments to provisions of other Regulations made under section 8(1) of the 2018 Act, relating to wildlife, environmental protection, water resources and pesticides.

Regulation 8 amends retained direct EU legislation relating to wildlife, and regulations 9 to 11 amend retained direct EU legislation relating to pesticides.

Regulation 12(1) and the Schedule revoke various retained direct EU legislation, and regulation 12(2) contains a saving provision in relation to some of the revoked legislation relating to pesticides.

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