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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make amendments to the Regulations set out below, and in the manner explained, as a result of pressures and work prioritisation related to the virus known as Coronavirus or “Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2”, which causes the disease known as “COVID-19”.

These Regulations amend regulation 4 of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 in order to change the start date of the bathing season in Wales for the year 2020.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.

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<i>Made</i>	<i>12 May 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Senedd Cymru</i>	<i>14 May 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>15 May 2020</i>

The Welsh Ministers are designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(1) in relation to measures relating to water resources(2).

The Welsh Ministers make these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

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- (1) 1972 c. 68. The European Communities Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”) was repealed by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16) (“the 2018 Act”) with effect from exit day. “Exit day” is defined in section 20 of the 2018 Act as 31 January 2020 at 11pm. Despite that repeal the 1972 Act continues to have effect with modifications until IP completion day, by virtue of section 1A of the 2018 Act. Section 1A was inserted by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1) (“the 2020 Act”). “IP completion day” is defined in section 1A as 31 December 2020 at 11pm (the meaning given in section 39 of the 2020 Act). Section 2(2) of the 1972 Act was previously amended by section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).
- (2) See S.I. 2003/2901 for the designation conferred on the National Assembly for Wales. By virtue of sections 59 and 162 of, and paragraph 28 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), that designation is now conferred on the Welsh Ministers. S.I. 2003/2901 is prospectively revoked by S.I. 2018/1011 from IP completion day.

Title, commencement and application

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Bathing Water (Amendment) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 and they come into force on 15 May 2020.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

Amendment of the Bathing Water Regulations 2013

2.—(1) The Bathing Water Regulations 2013⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) For regulation 4 (length of bathing season) substitute—

“**4.** For the purposes of these Regulations, the bathing season in Wales—

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), begins on 15th May and ends at the end of the day on 30th September in each year;
- (b) for the year 2020, begins on 22nd June and ends at the end of the day on 30th September.”

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12 May 2020

(1) S.I. 2013/1675, amended prospectively on IP completion day by S.I. 2019/558.