EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Environmental Protection (Restriction on Use of Lead Shot) (England) Regulations 1999 ("the 1999 Regulations") which apply in relation to England only. The 1999 Regulations prohibit the use of lead shot for shooting with a shot gun—

- (a) on or over any area below the high-water mark of ordinary spring tides;
- (b) on or over the sites of special scientific interest included in Schedule 1 to the 1999 Regulations; or
- (c) any wild bird included in Schedule 2 to the 1999 Regulations.

These Regulations remove from Schedule 1 to the 1999 Regulations the following sites of special scientific interest: Avon Valley, River Derwent And Tributaries, Stanford Training Area and The New Forest. They add to Schedule 1 the Tweed Estuary.

Details of the area covered by the sites of special scientific interest listed in the amended Schedule 1 to the 1999 Regulations can be obtained from English Nature at Northminster House, City Road, Peterborough, PE1 1UA.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.