STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 479

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (England and Wales) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*2nd March 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*5th March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2015*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 153(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990(**1**).

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This Order—

(a) may be cited as the Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (England and Wales) Order 2015;

(b) extends to England and Wales only; and

(c) comes into force on 1st April 2015.

Amendment of section 153(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

2. In section 153(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990(**2**) (purposes for which financial assistance may be given), for paragraphs (a) to (aaa) substitute—

"(a) the United Nations Environment Programme;

(**1**) 1990 c.43. The relevant functions of the Secretary of State insofar as they are exercisable within the devolved competence were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46). In relation to Wales, the Secretary of State has concurrent powers with the Welsh Ministers: see article 2 of, and the entry relating to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in Schedule 1 to, the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672) and paragraphs 30 to 32 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32). The relevant functions of the Secretary of State in relation to transferred matters are exercisable by Northern Ireland Ministers and departments by virtue of section 23 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c.47).

(**2**) Section 153(1) is varied by S.I. 1991/682, 1992/654, 1993/1062 and 1518, 1995/150, 554, 1085 and 3099, 1996/505 and 1431, 1997/651, 1998/538, 1001 and 3234, 2000/207 and 2211, 2002/1686 and 2021, 2003/714 and 2119, 2005/1805, 2006/1735, 2007/1671, 2008/3243 and 2009/1506 and by Part 8 of Schedule 5 to the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c.16).

(b) the European Environmental Bureau;

(c) the chemicals programme of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;

(d) the joint inter-Governmental panel on Climate Change of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organisation;

(e) the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources;

(f) the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;

(g) the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat;

(h) the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and any protocol to that Convention;

(i) the Convention and Protocol for the Protection of the Ozone Layer;

(j) the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;

(k) the Groundwork Foundation and Trusts;

(l) the environmental protection technology scheme for research and development in the United Kingdom in relation to such technology;

(m) the programme known as the special grants programme so far as it relates to the protection, improvement or better understanding of the environment of, or of any part of, England and Wales;

(n) the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce so far as its activities relate to the protection, improvement or better understanding of the environment;

(o) the programme known as the Environment Wales programme so far as it relates to the protection, improvement or better understanding of the environment of, or of any part of, Wales;

(p) the programmes or schemes of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;

(q) the programmes or schemes of the International Federation for Housing and Planning so far as they relate to the protection, improvement or better understanding of the environment;

(r) the programmes or schemes of the INTA.AIVN-International Urban Development Association so far as they relate to the protection, improvement or better understanding of the environment;

(s) the scheme known as the Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species that provides support for the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources and habitats and for the furtherance of the aims of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

(t) the programme known as the Promotion of Positive Environmental Management in Industry Programme;

(u) any national or international architectural award scheme or competition scheme relating to the protection, improvement or better understanding of the environment;

(v) the National Forest Company;

(w) the Energy Saving Trust Limited;

(x) the Convention on Biological Diversity;

(y) the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;

(z) the programme known as Radon Measurement and Support for Remedial Works Campaigns in England;

(aa) the Wales Wildlife and Countryside Link;

(bb) the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic;

(cc) the programme known as Pollution Emergency Response Services;

(dd) the programme known as the Waste and Resources Action Programme;

(ee) the Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects to the Energy Charter Treaty;

(ff) the programme known as the Waste Minimisation and Recycling Programme;

(gg) the Carbon Trust;

(hh) the International Sustainable Development Fund;

(ii) the scheme known as the Bio-energy Infrastructure Scheme;

(jj) the Zero Carbon Hub Limited;

(kk) the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership Limited, in relation to its activities as respects England and Wales;

(ll) Keep Britain Tidy;

(mm) the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972;

(nn) the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946.".

Revocations

3. The instruments set out in the Schedule are revoked.

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2nd March 2015