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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Otter guards fitted in traps used to catch eels

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft byelaw reinforces the current level of protection given to otters by making the use of a specified effective type of otter guard compulsory in fixed eel traps used in England and Wales in freshwater and coastal waters out to the six-mile seaward limit.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The measure is being introduced for conservation purposes. It

is recognised that otters are at risk of accidental drowning as a result of becoming trapped in fixed eel nets. At present, the use of otter guards is, however, compulsory in only some of the EA's regions. The byelaw is intended to extend their compulsory use throughout England and Wales, thus fulfilling the EA's commitment under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan to resolve inconsistencies over the use of otter guards, and contributing to the recovery of otter populations. The byelaw specifies a certain design of guard known to be effective in excluding otters from traps.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. A copy of the draft byelaw is sent with this notification.

ii. -

iii. -

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality



No

14. Fiscal measures

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