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I, JAMES BROWNE, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 5 of the Housing Act 1966 (No. 21 of 1966) and section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979 (No. 27 of 1979) (as adapted by the Housing, Planning and Local Government (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 408 of 2020)), hereby make the following regulations:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Grant for Prioritised Areas for Action) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

Definition

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the Housing (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Grant for Prioritised Areas for Action) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 563 of 2023).

PART 2

AMENDMENT OF PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Amendment of Regulation 3 of Principal Regulations

3. Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

(a) the insertion of the following definitions:

“ ‘General Data Protection Regulation’ means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016¹ on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC;

‘river basin management plan’ means a plan made and published, from time to time, by the Minister under article 13(1) of the

¹ OJ No. L 119, 04.05.2016, p. 1.

European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (No. 722 of 2003);” and

- (b) by the deletion of the definition of River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021.

Amendment of Regulation 4 of Principal Regulations

4. Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations is amended—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

- (a) by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (a):

“(a) is causing, or may cause, a threat to the environment or human health,”, and

- (ii) by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (c):

“(c) is serving a house which is situated in a catchment area, identified as an Area for Action in the most recent river basin management plan.”, and

- (b) in paragraph (5), by the substitution of “an Area for Action” for “a Prioritised Area for Action”.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
20 August, 2026.

JAMES BROWNE,
Minister for Housing, Local
Government and Heritage.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These Regulations provide for changes to an existing grant scheme available to householders to carry out works to defective domestic waste water treatment systems situated in an Area for Action identified in the most recent river basin management plan.

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