



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018**

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The retained EU Law which is being amended
Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement

Any impact the SI may have on the Assembly's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence

This SI has no impact on the Assembly's legislative competence nor on the Welsh Ministers' executive competence

The purpose of the amendments

The purpose of the amendments is to correct deficiencies in legislation arising from the UK leaving the European Union relating to Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement, a mechanism by which EU law is currently applied to, and in, the EEA EFTA states.

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of each amendment is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-protocol-1-to-the-eea-agreement-amendment-eu-exit-regulations-2018>

Why consent was given

Consent has been given for the UK Government to make these corrections in relation to, and on behalf of, Wales for reasons of efficiency, expediency and due to the technical nature of the amendments. There is no divergence between the Welsh Government and the UK Government on the policy for the correction. Therefore, making separate SIs in Wales and England would lead to duplication, and unnecessary complication of the statute book. Consenting to a UK wide SI ensures that there is a single legislative framework across the UK which promotes clarity and accessibility during this period of change. In these exceptional circumstances, the Welsh Government considers it appropriate that the UK Government legislates on our behalf in this instance.