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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **The Detergents (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

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SI laid in Parliament, which amends secondary legislation in a devolved area

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The 2020 Regulations amend the following legislation:

EU Legislation

- Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents.

Domestic legislation

- The Detergents (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;
- The Detergents (Safeguarding) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; and
- The Detergents Regulations 2010.

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

The 2020 Regulations do not impact on the Senedd's legislative competence or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence.

The amendments ensure that the United Kingdom (UK) meets its obligations under the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the withdrawal agreement ("the Protocol") and to place the Protocol on a legal footing in relation Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents, as required at the end of the Implementation Period (IP).

These amendments also give effect to the unfettered access of detergents from Northern Ireland into Great Britain.

The purpose of the amendments

The 2020 Regulations makes amendments to the Detergents (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; the Detergents (Safeguarding) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; and the Detergents Regulations 2010.

The Protocol requires that Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents, continues to apply to Northern Ireland in order to correctly define the territorial extent of retained EU legislation at the end of the IP.

The 2020 Regulations and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the detail of the provenance, purpose and effect of the amendments is available here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780348213331>

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 and expediency and to ensure consistency and coherence of the statute book. The amendments have been considered fully; and there is no divergence in policy. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK's exit from the EU.