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**WRITTEN STATEMENT  
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THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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**TITLE**            **The Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Kyoto Protocol Registry) (Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021**

**DATE**            **26 February 2021**

**BY**                **Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd**

**SO30C** – Notification in Relation to Statutory Instruments made by UK Ministers in devolved areas under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 not laid before the Senedd.

**The Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Kyoto Protocol Registry) (Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021**

The 2021 Regulations make amendments to the following:  
EU legislation

Commission Regulation (EU) No 389/2013

Amendments to Domestic Legislation

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) and National Emissions Inventory Regulations 2005

The Environment Act 1995

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2012

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

The 2021 Regulations amend domestic legislation which largely falls within the legislative competence of the Senedd and the Welsh Ministers’ executive powers in relation to greenhouse gas emissions, as established in legislation.

**The purpose of the amendments**

The 2021 Regulations amend retained EU law related to the UK’s Kyoto Protocol (“KP”) registry, and to KP projects, to ensure that it will be operable in the UK. The KP is a protocol

to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (“the UNFCCC”), which is an international climate change treaty. The KP sets out carbon emission reduction obligations for certain countries, including the EU Member States and the UK.

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of each amendment is available here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2021/9780348220551>

### **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. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK’s exit from the EU, by amending or revoking provisions that would otherwise be inoperable.