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## **WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The UK Statistics (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>24 November 2021</b>
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### **The UK Statistics (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021**

#### **Policy Overview of the SI:**

The aim of this instrument is to continue the approach taken by The UK Statistics (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, that began the process of revoking EU law on statistics. The purpose of this instrument is to revoke the remaining retained EU statistics law, including new legislation that has come into force since the 2019 instrument was drafted.

#### **The Law which is being amended:**

- A set of numerous retained EU laws, as detailed in the schedule to the S.I, that impose obligations on the UK to provide specific statistical data to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Commission, for the purpose of producing European statistics
- A set of numerous retained EU laws, as detailed in the schedule to the S.I, that set out statistical standards and classifications that statistical data must meet for the purpose of producing European statistics
- The Data Protection Act 2018
- The Public Contract Regulations 2015
- The Concession Contracts Regulations 2016
- The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016
- The Electricity Supplier Obligations (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2015.

#### **The purpose of the amendments**

The purpose of the amendments is to correct deficiencies in legislation arising from the UK leaving the European Union in relation to the provision of statistical information.

The regulations will revoke retained EU law (Regulations and Decisions) in relation to the provision and collation of statistics at an EU level.

The regulations will also amend the Public Contract Regulations 2015, the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016, the Electricity Supplier Obligations (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2015 and the Data Protection Act 2018 so that their references to certain European standards have effect within the retained EU law as of Implementation Period (IP) completion day.

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

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/1300/contents/made>

### **Any impact the SI may have on the Welsh Ministers' executive competence**

The SI has no impact on the Welsh Minister's executive competence as it is purely technical in nature.

### **Any impact the SI may have on the legislative competence of the Senedd**

The SI has no impact on the Senedd's legislative competence as it is purely technical in nature.

### **Why consent was given**

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.