

**Explanatory Memorandum to the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016  
(Consequential Amendments to Secondary Legislation) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2022**

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by Climate Change and Rural Affairs Group of the Welsh Government and is laid before Senedd Cymru in conjunction with the above subordinate legislation and in accordance with Standing Order 27.1.

**Minister's Declaration**

In my view, this Explanatory Memorandum gives a fair and reasonable view of the expected impact of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments to Secondary Legislation) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

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Minister for Climate Change  
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## **PART 1**

### **1. Description**

This Explanatory Memorandum (“EM”) relates to the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments to Secondary Legislation) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (*‘the Amendment Regulations’*). The Amendment Regulations make minor and technical changes to the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments to Secondary Legislation) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/907 (W.198)(*‘the 2022 Regulations’*), which were laid in August 2022.

### **2. Matters of special interest to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**

The Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee considered the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments to Secondary Legislation) Regulations 2022 at their meeting of 26 September 2022 and issued a report containing technical points. The Amendment Regulations make amendments to address four points made by the Committee. This Statutory Instrument is being issued free of charge to all known recipients.

### **3. Legislative background**

The powers enabling these regulations to be made are contained in section 255 of the 2016 Act.

This SI is being made under the negative resolution procedure.

### **4. Purpose and intended effect of the legislation**

The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments to Secondary Legislation) Regulations 2022 make amendments to secondary legislation in consequence of the provisions of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016, which is due to come into force on 1 December 2022.

The Amendment Regulations make minor and technical changes to the 2022 Regulations so that the latter provide the maximum possible clarity and coherence and ensure consistency of the law.

### **5. Consultation**

No formal consultation has taken place as these regulations make only minor and technical changes to previous consequential amendments.

### **6. Regulatory Impact Assessment**

The technical amendments made by these regulations are required to change the wording of the law rather than its purpose or effect. As such, no RIA has been

produced to accompany these regulations. This is in line with the policy set out in the Welsh Ministers' RIA Code for subordinate legislation