

National Assembly for Wales

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

CLA575 - The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Procedure:

Negative

Background

These Regulations amend the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations (SI 2003/3242) 'the 2013 Regulations' to transpose aspects of Directive 2013/39 as regards priority substances in the field of water policy ('the Priority Substances Directive').

The Priority Substances Directive itself amends the Environmental Quality Standards Directive 2008/105 which, is a daughter Directive of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60 ('the WFD'). The Priority Substances Directive identifies and sets environmental quality standards in surface waters for a list of priority substances identified under the WFD as presenting a significant risk to or via the aquatic environment.

These Regulations are made by the Welsh Ministers and the Secretary of State jointly in respect of areas partly in Wales and partly in England and compositely otherwise. They also make miscellaneous amendments to the 2003 Regulations.

Technical Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2(ix) – that the instrument is not made in both English and Welsh.

1. Being composite regulations subject to a parliamentary procedure at Westminster, these Regulations have been made in English only.

Merits Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument

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