



Mick Antoniw AM  
Chair  
Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee  
National Assembly for Wales

29 November 2018

Dear Mick,

This letter is to inform you that I have laid a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum in the National Assembly for Wales in respect of The Merchant Shipping and Other Transport (Environmental Protection) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018, as required by Standing Order 30A (SO30A).

I am also writing to inform you that I am not minded to table a motion for a debate about this SI in this instance. I have reached this decision on the basis that this SI is restricted to making corrections to the deficiencies in law that will arise as a result of the UK leaving the EU. The provisions of the SI are technical in nature, and there is no divergence in policy between the Welsh Government and the UK Government in this case.

SO30A provides that any Member may table a motion for a debate on this SI. Given the volume of legislation that the Assembly is considering, I do not believe that a debate on this SI would be a productive use of valuable Plenary time and I will not myself be seeking to initiate such a debate.

Yours sincerely,

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**Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth**  
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.