

# WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

The Public Procurement (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations

2019 - amendments to Section 155 (2) and (3) of the Equality Act

2010.

TITLE

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## The Law which is being amended

These Regulations amend section 155(2) and (3) of the Equality Act 2010.

## Any impact the SI may have on the Assembly's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence

The proposed amendments will have no impact on the Assembly's legislative competence and/or the Welsh Ministers' executive competence.

### The purpose of the amendments

These Regulations amend section 155(2) and (3) of the Equality Act 2010 to define a term by reference to the Public Contract Regulations 2015, rather than by reference to the Public Sector Directive. This amendment is technical in nature and is required in order for this provision to operate effectively after EU exit.

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

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2019/9780111176788/contents

#### 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 and to ensure consistency and coherence of the statute book. The amendments have been considered fully; and there is no divergence in policy. These amendments are to ensure that the statute book remains functional following the UK's exit from the EU.

A Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum has also been laid in the National Assembly in respect of the amendments to The Equality Act 2010.