

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE The Intelligent Transport Systems (EU Exit) Regulations 2018

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The Law which is being amended:

- Commission Implementing Decision 2011/453/EU
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 885/2013
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 886/2013
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/962
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1926
- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/209
- Decision (EU) 2017/2380 of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Annex XIII to the EEA Agreement.

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

The purpose of the statutory instrument is to remove provisions from retained direct EU legislation on Intelligent Transport Systems using powers within the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

The Intelligent Transport Systems EU legislation ensures European compatibility, interoperability and continuity for the deployment and operational use of intelligent transport systems, relevant data and procedures. The legislation requires that the relevant data can be accessed and shared in a common standardised format through a national access point.

The revocation of the retained direct EU legislation will address technical deficiencies which will arise as result of EU Exit. The requirements of the relevant legislation will also continue to be met by virtue of administrative measures and as such amendment of the legislation is considered to be disproportionate.

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, setting out the effect of each amendment is available here: https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-intelligent-transport-systems-eu-exit-regulations-2018

Why consent was given

There is no policy divergence between the Welsh Government and the UK Government on the policy for the revocation, nor is the substance of the revocation politically sensitive. Therefore, making separate SIs in Wales and England would lead to duplication, and unnecessary complication of the statute book. Agreeing to this approach ensures that there is a coherent approach wherever possible in preparing the statute book to function properly after the UK has left the EU. This approach will promote the clarity and accessibility of legislation across the UK. In these exceptional circumstances, the Welsh Government considers it appropriate that the UK Government legislates on our behalf in this instance.