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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE	The Air Quality (Amendment of Domestic Regulations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
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- The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010
- The Volatile Organic Compounds in Paints, Varnishes and Vehicle Refinishing Products Regulations 2012
- The National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2018

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

This SI has no impact on either legislative competence of the Assembly or executive competence of Welsh Ministers.

The purpose of the amendments

This instrument makes minor and technical amendments to the existing legislation described above to ensure the legislation is operable after EU Exit. The changes in this instrument include necessary fixes such as: amending cross references to EU legislation; amending references to the EU, EU institutions and EU administrative processes to domestic equivalents; updating legal references to refer to relevant domestic legislation; and adjusting the requirements for government reporting as is appropriate

The SI and accompanying Explanatory Memorandums, setting out the effect of each amendment is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/eu-withdrawal-act-2018-statutory-instruments/the-air-quality-amendment-of-domestic-regulations-eu-exit-regulations-2018>

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, expediency and due to the technical nature of the amendments. 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. This is in line with the principles for correcting agreed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition in May.