

## UK MINISTERS ACTING IN DEVOLVED AREAS

### **97 - The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

*Laid in the UK Parliament: 5 February 2019*

#### **Sifting**

Subject to sifting in UK Parliament?	No
Procedure:	Affirmative
Date of consideration by the House of Commons European Statutory Instruments Committee	N/A
Date of consideration by the House of Lords Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Not known
Date sifting period ends in UK Parliament	N/A
Written statement under SO 30C:	Paper 25
SICM under SO 30A (because amends primary legislation)	Not required

#### **Scrutiny procedure**

Outcome of sifting	N/A
Procedure	Affirmative
Date of consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments	Not known
Date of consideration by the House of Commons Statutory Instruments Committee	Not known
Date of consideration by the House of Lords Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Not known

#### **Commentary**

These Regulations are proposed to be made by the UK Government pursuant to section 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

EU legislation regulates the safety of all materials and articles intended to come into contact with food, collectively known as food contact materials. This includes plastic bottles and containers, kitchen appliances, cutlery and crockery.

The objective of these Regulations is to maintain existing laws and fix the inoperabilities in retained direct EU legislation related to materials and articles in contact with food. This instrument removes from retained EU legislation the tasks and roles assigned to the European Commission, its committees and the European Food Safety Authority as these will no longer be relevant after the UK leaves the European Union.

Legal Advisers agree with the statement laid by the Welsh Government dated 6 February 2019 regarding the effect of these Regulations.

The above summary and the content of the Explanatory Memorandum to these Regulations confirm their effect.

Legal Advisers do not consider that any significant issues arise under paragraph 8 of the Memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and the Establishment of Common Frameworks in relation to these Regulations.