

UK MINISTERS ACTING IN DEVOLVED AREAS

155- The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Laid in the UK Parliament: 14 October 2019

Sifting

Subject to sifting in UK Parliament?	No
Procedure:	Made 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	N/A
Date sifting period ends in UK Parliament	N/A
Written statement under SO 30C:	Paper 16
SICM under SO 30A (because amends primary legislation)	Not required

Scrutiny procedure

Outcome of sifting	N/A
Procedure	Made 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 were made by the UK Government pursuant to section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. In accordance with paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 7 to the 2018 Act, the Secretary of State is of the opinion that, by reason of urgency, it is necessary to make the Regulations without a draft being laid before, and approved by, a resolution of each House of Parliament.

The instrument revokes Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 (the "Regulation") of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013, establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020. It aims to protect and promote specific rights and freedoms of individuals under EU law. It specifically provides funding for various projects.

If, as a result of the UK's departure from the European Union, the European Commission ceases to provide funding to UK participants, the instrument allows the Secretary of State to provide financial assistance to make up the shortfall. The provision will only apply to projects established under the Regulation where funding was granted on or after exit day but before 31 December 2020. The instrument, therefore, has transitional effect.

Legal Advisers agree with the statement laid by the Welsh Government dated 16 October 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.