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Mike Hedges MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Welsh Parliament

6 January 2025

Dear Mike,

I wish to inform the Committee of my intention to consent to the UK Government making and laying the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 (“the Regulations”). The Regulations will be made using powers in Section 19(1) of The Retained EU Law (REUL) (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (“the REUL Act”).

The Regulations are aimed at ensuring legal clarity and accessibility by making consequential amendments to secondary assimilated legislation. The changes are consequential on sections 2, 4 and 5 of the REUL Act. Amendment of the secondary assimilated legislation and assimilated direct legislation will have no substantive policy effect in Wales and will improve the accessibility of the statute book.

I can confirm that no amendments are being made to Senedd legislation or to instruments made under Senedd legislation. All of the changes apply to instruments made under UK Acts or to assimilated direct legislation.

Although the Welsh Government’s general principle is that the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales, on this occasion I consider it appropriate for the UK Government to legislate on a GB-wide basis.

The Regulations are due to be laid before the UK Parliament on 27 January 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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