

LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE
NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS BILL

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 81, the bill as first printed for the Lords]

Clause 1

1 Page 2, leave out lines 18 and 19

2 Page 2, line 23, at end insert –

““civil activities” means –

- (a) production, processing or storage activities which are carried on for peaceful purposes;
- (b) electricity generation carried on for peaceful purposes;
- (c) decommissioning;
- (d) research and development carried on for peaceful purposes;
- (e) any other activity carried on for peaceful purposes;”

After Clause 1

3 Insert the following new Clause –

“Agreements required before withdrawal

- (1) In the event that any of the agreements listed in subsection (3) are not in place on 1 March 2019, a Minister of the Crown must, as part of the negotiations regarding the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Atomic Energy Community Treaty, request to suspend the United Kingdom’s withdrawal until either –
 - (a) the agreements listed in subsection (3) are in place, or
 - (b) other arrangements have been made to enable the United Kingdom to continue to benefit from existing nuclear safeguards arrangements until the agreements listed in subsection (3) are in place.

- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, a request for suspension under subsection (1) applies only to withdrawal from the European Atomic Energy Community Treaty and to no other part of the United Kingdom's negotiations for withdrawal from the European Union.
- (3) The relevant agreements are –
 - (a) an agreement between the United Kingdom and the International Atomic Energy Agency recognising the Office for Nuclear Regulation as the approved United Kingdom safeguarding authority in place of the European Atomic Energy Community;
 - (b) a Voluntary Offer Agreement between the United Kingdom and the International Atomic Energy Agency resulting from the United Kingdom no longer being a member of the European Atomic Energy Community; and
 - (c) relevant international agreements with those nations with which the United Kingdom has exercised rights in the last three years as a party to agreements made by the European Atomic Energy Community.”

Clause 2

4 Page 4, line 24, at end insert –

- “() No regulations may be made under this section after the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which this section comes into force.”

After Clause 2

5 Insert the following new Clause –

“Report on nuclear safeguards

- (1) The Secretary of State must, in respect of each reporting period, prepare a report containing information about nuclear safeguards.
- (2) Information about nuclear safeguards includes information about –
 - (a) international arrangements relating to nuclear safeguards to which the United Kingdom is (or is proposed to be) a party, and
 - (b) the establishment in the United Kingdom of arrangements relating to nuclear safeguards.
- (3) A report under this section may include other information on future arrangements with Euratom, which may include information relating to nuclear research and development and the import and export of qualifying nuclear material.
- (4) A report under this section must be laid before Parliament after the end of the reporting period to which it relates.
- (5) There are four successive reporting periods, each of which is a period of 3 months.
- (6) The first reporting period is the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.”

Clause 4

6 Page 4, line 38, leave out “Section 3,” and insert “Sections (*Report on nuclear safeguards*) and 3,”

The Schedule

7 Page 7, line 3, leave out “76A(5) or (8)” and insert “76A(8)”

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