

European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 3) Bill

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Make provision in connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duties in connection with extension of Article 50 period, etc

- (1) If, before 26 February 2019, the House of Commons has not passed a resolution approving the negotiated withdrawal agreement and the framework for the future relationship for the purposes of section 13(1)(b) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“the 2018 Act”), the Prime Minister must, not later than 26 February, move a motion in the House of Commons in the form set out in subsection (2). 5
- (2) The form of the motion for the purposes of subsection (1) is –
“That this House directs the Prime Minister to seek an extension of the period of two years specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending on 31 December 2019.” 10
- (3) If the motion for the purposes of subsection (1) is agreed to without amendment, the Prime Minister must, as soon as practicable after that agreement, seek an extension of the period of two years specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending on 31 December 2019. 15
- (4) If the motion for the purposes of subsection (1) is agreed to with the only amendment being an amendment to change the date, the Prime Minister must, as soon as practicable after that agreement, seek an extension of the period of two years specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending on the date specified in the motion as agreed to. 20
- (5) If the motion for the purposes of subsection (1) is agreed to with other amendments, the Prime Minister must seek to give effect to the terms of the amended motion as agreed to.

- (6) Nothing in this section prevents the Prime Minister from seeking an extension of the period of two years specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of subsections (1) to (5).
- (7) The 2018 Act is amended in accordance with subsection (8). 5
- (8) In section 20 (interpretation) –
 (a) in subsection (1), in the definition of “exit day”, for “29 March 2019”, substitute “31 December 2019”,
 (b) in subsection (2), for “29 March 2019”, substitute “31 December 2019”.
- (9) Subsections (7) and (8) come into force if the European Council, in agreement with the United Kingdom, decides to extend the period specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending on 31 December 2019. 10
- (10) If the European Council, in agreement with the United Kingdom, decides to extend the period specified in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union to a period ending on another date specified in the motion as agreed to, a Minister of the Crown must, as soon as practicable after that decision, lay before each House of Parliament a draft of regulations under section 20(4) of the 2018 Act (power to amend definition of “exit day” to align with day and time the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom) to amend the definition of “exit day” to that date. 15
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2 Interpretation, commencement, extent and short title

- (1) Any term used in this Act which is also defined in section 20 of the 2018 Act has the same meaning in this Act as in that Act.
- (2) Except as provided for in section 1(9), this Act comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed. 25
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2019.

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