

European Union Withdrawal (Implementation Period) Bill

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Require Her Majesty's Government to seek a two-year extension of the implementation period under Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement; to repeal the prohibition on agreeing to such an extension under section 33 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020; and for connected purposes.

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 Extension of implementation period a negotiating objective

It is a negotiating objective of Her Majesty's Government to secure in the Joint Committee an extension of two years to the implementation period under Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement.

2 Repeal of section 33 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 5

Section 33 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (prohibition on extending implementation period) is hereby repealed.

3 Power to make consequential amendments

(1) This section applies if an extension to the implementation period is agreed in the Joint Committee. 10

(2) The Secretary of State must, as soon as reasonably practicable, by regulations make provision to make the implementation period in domestic law consistent with the extended period agreed in the Joint Committee.

(3) Regulations made under subsection (2)— 15

- (a) are to be made by statutory instrument;
- (b) may modify any provision made by or under an enactment;
- (c) may make consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision;
- (d) are subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

4 Interpretation

In this section –

“the Withdrawal Agreement” means the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community dated 19 October 2019; 5

“the Joint Committee” means the committee established under Article 164 of that agreement;

“the implementation period” means the period under Article 126 of that agreement, which may be extended under Article 132. 10

5 Financial provision

The following are to be paid out of money provided by Parliament –

(a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, and*

(b) *any increases attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.* 15

6 Extent, commencement and short title

(1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

(2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act may be cited as the European Union Withdrawal (Implementation Period) Act 2020. 20

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Presented by Sir Edward Davey

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