

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

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After Clause 7

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Insert the following new Clause—

“Environmental etc. standards

- (1) The Secretary of State must within two months of the passing of this Act lay before Parliament a report indicating how it is intended to maintain a relationship with executive agencies of the European Union and enforcement processes of the European Union in respect of environmental standards, food safety and animal welfare, whether by continued participation in European agencies and processes or by establishing effective equivalents within the United Kingdom.
- (2) The report referred to in subsection (1) must include proposals for continued engagement with or replacement of—
 - (a) in respect of environmental standards—
 - (i) the REACH programme;
 - (ii) the European Chemicals Agency;
 - (iii) the European Environment Agency; and
 - (iv) the powers of the European Commission in relation to air and water pollution and soil quality including powers to enforce cross compliance.
 - (b) in respect of standards of food and feed safety and quality and of animal health and welfare—
 - (i) the European Food Safety Agency; and
 - (ii) the powers of the European Commission to enforce standards of food and feed and of animal health and welfare including powers to enforce cross compliance.
- (3) The Report referred to in subsection (1) may include proposals for regulations, which may be contained in a statutory instrument or, in the case of Northern Ireland, are exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1573 (N.I. 12)), and may be made by—
 - (a) the Secretary of State,

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- (b) a Welsh Minister,
- (c) a Scottish Minister, or
- (d) a Northern Ireland department,

according to the legislative competence of the relevant Parliament or Assembly.

- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under paragraph (3)(a) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under paragraph (3)(b) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the National Assembly for Wales.
- (6) Regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under paragraph (3)(c) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (7) Regulations may not be made by a Northern Ireland department under paragraph (3)(d) unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Northern Ireland Assembly.”

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