

Trade Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 2

LORD GRANTCHESTER

Page 2, line 23, at end insert—

- “() Regulations may only be made under subsection (1) if—
- (a) the provisions of the international trade agreement to which they relate are consistent with standards for food safety and quality as set and administered by—
 - (i) the Department of Health;
 - (ii) the Food Standards Agency;
 - (iii) Food Standards Scotland; and
 - (iv) any other public authority specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 - (b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that mechanisms and bodies charged with enforcement of standards for food safety and quality have the capacity to absorb any extra requirement which may arise from the implementation of the agreement;
 - (c) the provisions of the international trade agreement to which they relate are consistent with policy to achieve reduction in the risk of disease or contamination as set and administered by—
 - (i) the Department of Health;
 - (ii) the Food Standards Agency;
 - (iii) Food Standards Scotland; and
 - (iv) any other public authority specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 - (d) the provisions of the international trade agreement to which they relate are consistent with achieving improvements in public health through any food policy priorities set and administered by—
 - (i) the Department of Health;
 - (ii) the Food Standards Agency;
 - (iii) Food Standards Scotland; and
 - (iv) any other public authority specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State;

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- (e) the provisions of the international trade agreement to which they relate comply with policy to achieve targets for farm antibiotic reduction set by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate;
- (f) the provisions of the international trade agreement to which they relate comply with retained EU law relating to food standards and the impact of food production upon the environment; and
- (g) any food or food products to which the provisions of the international trade agreement apply meet standards of labelling, indication of provenance, and packaging specified by the Food Standards Agency or Food Standards Scotland.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that regulations made under Clause 2 can only be made if the trade agreement which the regulations would implement enshrines UK standards in legislation and adheres to UK standards of food production and food safety.

LORD ALTON OF LIVERPOOL
LORD BLENCATHRA
LORD ADONIS

Page 2, line 41, at end insert –

- “() Regulations under subsection (1) must not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament, if –
 - (a) the regulations involve goods for critical infrastructure; and
 - (b) the other signatory is non-democratic.
- () In this section –
 - “critical infrastructure” means infrastructure for the following sectors –
 - (a) communications,
 - (b) energy,
 - (c) healthcare and public health,
 - (d) transportation systems,
 - (e) water (including wastewater and storm water systems),
 - (f) banking and financial services,
 - (g) critical manufacturing,
 - (h) emergency services,
 - (i) food and agriculture,
 - (j) government facilities, and
 - (k) information technology.
 - “non-democratic” means a country which does not have –
 - (a) a political system for choosing and replacing the government, through free and fair elections;
 - (b) the active participation of the people, as citizens, in politics and civic life;
 - (c) protection of the human rights of all citizens; and
 - (d) a rule of law in which the laws and procedures apply equally to all citizens, and the judiciary is independent.”

After Clause 2

LORD GRANTCHESTER

Insert the following new Clause—

“Animal welfare and sentience

Regulations may only be made under section 2(1) if the provisions of the international trade agreement to which they relate are compatible with—

- (a) any provision of the law of the United Kingdom (including retained EU law) relating to animal welfare standards and the welfare of animals in the production of food; and
- (b) any obligations relating to animal sentience by which the United Kingdom is bound under international or domestic law, or any principles relating to animal sentience to which the United Kingdom adheres.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause would ensure that any animal welfare or sentience regulations arising from trade agreements are aligned with existing commitments in UK and retained EU law.

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