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## Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

### Current membership

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### Powers

The full constitution and powers of the Committee are set out in House of Commons Standing Order No. 151 and House of Lords Standing Order No. 73, available on the Internet via [www.parliament.uk/jcsi](http://www.parliament.uk/jcsi).

### Remit

The Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments (JCSI) is appointed to consider statutory instruments made in exercise of powers granted by Act of Parliament. Instruments not laid before Parliament are included within the Committee's remit; but local instruments and instruments made by devolved administrations are not considered by JCSI unless they are required to be laid before Parliament.

The role of the JCSI, whose membership is drawn from both Houses of Parliament, is to assess the technical qualities of each instrument that falls within its remit and to decide whether to draw the special attention of each House to any instrument on one or more of the following grounds:

- i that it imposes, or sets the amount of, a charge on public revenue or that it requires payment for a licence, consent or service to be made to the Exchequer, a government department or a public or local authority, or sets the amount of the payment;
- ii that its parent legislation says that it cannot be challenged in the courts;
- iii that it appears to have retrospective effect without the express authority of the parent legislation;

- iv that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in publishing it or laying it before Parliament;
- v that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in sending a notification under the proviso to section 4(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, where the instrument has come into force before it has been laid;
- vi that there appears to be doubt about whether there is power to make it or that it appears to make an unusual or unexpected use of the power to make;
- vii that its form or meaning needs to be explained;
- viii that its drafting appears to be defective;
- ix any other ground which does not go to its merits or the policy behind it.

The Committee usually meets weekly when Parliament is sitting.

### **Publications**

The reports of the Committee are published by Order of both Houses. All publications of the Committee are on the Internet at [www.parliament.uk/jcsi](http://www.parliament.uk/jcsi).

### **Committee staff**

The current staff of the Committee are Mike Winter (Commons Clerk), Jane White (Lords Clerk) and Liz Booth (Committee Assistant). Advisory Counsel: Daniel Greenberg, Peter Brooksbank, Philip Davies and Vanessa MacNair (Commons); James Cooper, Nicholas Beach and John Crane (Lords).

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## Instruments not reported

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At its meeting on 22 November 2017 the Committee considered the Instruments set out in the Annex to this Report, none of which were required to be reported to both Houses.

## Annex

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### Draft instruments requiring affirmative approval

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| <b>Draft S.I.</b> | European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Kazakhstan) Order 2017 |
| <b>Draft S.I.</b> | European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Turkmenistan) Order 2017        |
| <b>Draft S.I.</b> | Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2017                           |
| <b>Draft S.I.</b> | Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors—Registered Pharmacies) Order 2018                                    |
| <b>Draft S.I.</b> | Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (Amendment) Order 2017  |