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SCHEDULES

[^{F1}SCHEDULE 6A

EU WITHDRAWAL: DEMOCRATIC CONSENT PROCESS

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 6A inserted (10.12.2020) by [The Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland \(Democratic Consent Process\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1500\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(3)**

PART 1

GENERAL

Introduction

1. (1) Part 2 of this Schedule requires the Secretary of State to initiate the democratic consent process in relation to each new continuation period.
- (2) Part 3 of this Schedule establishes, for the purposes of Article 18 of the Protocol as read with the unilateral Declaration, the default democratic consent process referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the unilateral Declaration.
- (3) Part 4 of this Schedule establishes, for the purposes of Article 18 of the Protocol as read with the unilateral Declaration, the alternative democratic consent process referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the unilateral Declaration.
- (4) Part 5 of this Schedule makes provision about procedural matters and the outcome of the democratic consent process.
- (5) Part 6 of this Schedule makes provision about an independent review into the functioning of the Protocol.
- (6) To the extent that the standing orders of the Assembly are inconsistent with this Schedule, this Schedule (rather than the standing orders) is to have effect.
- (7) For the purposes of this Schedule, a motion that is tabled and then withdrawn is to be regarded, at times after its withdrawal, as not having been tabled.
- (8) In this Schedule—
 - “alternative democratic consent process” means the democratic consent process established by Part 4 of this Schedule;
 - “default democratic consent process” means the democratic consent process established by Part 3 of this Schedule;
 - “democratic consent process” means the process by which—

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- (a) democratic consent in Northern Ireland to the continued application of Articles 5 to 10 of the Protocol is to be sought, and
- (b) a decision expressing that democratic consent is to be made;
“notification of the start of the democratic consent process” has the meaning given in paragraph 4;
“Protocol” means the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the EU withdrawal agreement;
“unilateral Declaration” means the declaration by Her Majesty’s Government concerning the operation of the ‘Democratic consent in Northern Ireland’ provision of the Protocol made on 17 October 2019.]

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