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**ATOMIC ENERGY AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

**The European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) (Relevant  
International Agreements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

*Made* - - - - - *14th September 2020*

*Laid before Parliament* *15th September 2020*

*Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8B(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) (Relevant International Agreements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and come into force immediately before IP completion day.

**Interpretation**

2. For the purpose of the specification mentioned in section 112(1A)(b) of the Energy Act 2013, these Regulations are to be treated as regulations under section 112(1B) of that Act.

**Amendments to the Nuclear Safeguards (Fissionable Material and Relevant International Agreements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

3.—(1) The Nuclear Safeguards (Fissionable Material and Relevant International Agreements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3—

(a) in paragraph (e) at the end omit “and”;

(b) after paragraph (f) insert—

“(g) the EU withdrawal agreement;”;

(c) at the end for “(f)” substitute “(g)”.

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(a) 2018 c. 16. Section 8B was inserted by section 18 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c. 1) (“the 2020 Act”).

(b) S.I. 2019/195. These Regulations come into force on exit day. Paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 5 to the 2020 Act provides that references to subordinate legislation coming into force on exit day are to be read instead as coming into force on IP completion day.

14th September 2020

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers in section 8B(1) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

Regulation 2 provides that for the purpose of the interpretation of “relevant international agreements” in section 112(1A) of the Energy Act 2013, the Regulations are to be treated as regulations under section 112(1B) of that Act.

Regulation 3 amends the Nuclear Safeguards (Fissionable Material and Relevant International Agreements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 by adding the EU withdrawal agreement to the list of “relevant international agreements”. Ensuring compliance by the UK or enabling or facilitating compliance by a Minister of the Crown with a relevant international agreement is the nuclear safeguards purpose of the Office for Nuclear Regulations (see section 72 of the Energy Act 2013).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as this measure has no significant impact on business, charities, voluntary bodies or the public sector.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and is available alongside this instrument at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).

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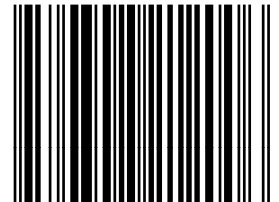
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