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- ii that its parent legislation says that it cannot be challenged in the courts;
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- 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 or on 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

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Instruments not reported

The Committee has considered the instruments set out in the Annex to this Report, none of which was required to be reported.

Annex

Instruments requiring affirmative approval

S.I. 2020/1256 Tobacco Products Duty (Alteration of Rates) Order 2020

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Virtual meeting

Members present:

Jessica Morden (*in the Chair*)

Dr James Davies Owen Thompson
Paul Holmes

Draft Report, proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Annex agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Twenty-Fifth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 December at 3.40 p.m.]