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Select Committee on Statutory Instruments

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The full constitution and powers of the Committee are set out in House of Commons Standing Order No. 151, available on the Internet via <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/commons/standing-orders-public11/>.

The Select Committee on Statutory Instruments (SCSI) is appointed to consider statutory instruments made in exercise of powers granted by Act of Parliament. It carries out the same duties as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of those instruments laid before and subject to proceedings in the House of Commons only.

The role of the SCSI, whose membership is drawn from the House of Commons, is to assess the technical qualities of each instrument that falls within its remit and to decide whether to draw the special attention of the 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 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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The reports of the Committee are published in print by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee are available on the Internet from www.parliament.uk/scsi.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Sue Beeby (Committee Operations Officer), Ines Nizigama (Committee Operations Officer) and Joe Watt (Clerk). Advisory Counsel: Sarita Arthur-Crow, Rupert Grist, Justin Leslie, Vanessa MacNair and Hannah Stewart.

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Instruments reported

At its meeting on 28 February 2024 the Committee scrutinised a number of instruments in accordance with Standing Orders. It was agreed that the special attention of the House of Commons should be drawn to none of those considered.

Instruments not reported

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

Annex

Instruments subject to annulment

S.I. Number	S.I. Title
S.I. 2024/12	Taxation (Cross-border Trade) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024
S.I. 2024/52	Sovereign Grant Act 2011 (Change of Percentage) Order 2024
S.I. 2024/71	Designation of Special Tax Sites (Humber Freeport) Regulations 2024
S.I. 2024/128	Value Added Tax (Distance Selling) (Amendments) Regulations 2024

Formal Minutes

Wednesday 28 February 2024

Members present

Jessica Morden, in the Chair

Peter Grant

Paul Holmes

Damien Moore

Report consideration

Draft Report (*Seventh 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 Seventh Report of the Committee to the House.

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

Adjournment

Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chair.