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Committee on 24 March 2020**

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The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable
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Instruments recommended for the affirmative procedure

At its meeting on 24 March 2020 the Committee considered proposed negative instruments laid by the Government and has recommended that the appropriate procedure for the following instrument is for a draft of it to be laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament before it is made (i.e. the affirmative procedure).

1 The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

1.1 Currently a fee may be charged for consideration by a UK competent authority of an application to appoint a person to determine whether equipment used in the carriage of dangerous goods should be approved (known as notified bodies after appointment). Regulations 24(3) and 47(3) provide that no fee is to be charged where a UK competent authority appoints a person that was a notified body before IP completion day as an appointed body after that date.

1.2 Under section 8 or Part 1 of Schedule 2—Schedule 7 paragraphs 1(2), 2(1) provisions relating to a fee in respect of a function exercisable by a public authority in the United Kingdom are mandatory affirmative. It is strongly arguable that Parliament would not have insisted on draft affirmative for exercises like this one—and one would not expect much in the way of a debate on any draft instrument—but the terms of the Act are strict and the draft affirmative procedure should have been used.

1.3 **The Committee therefore recommends that the appropriate procedure for the instrument is for a draft of it to be laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament before it is made (i.e. the affirmative procedure) on the ground that it is of political and legal importance.**

Instruments recommended for the negative procedure

At its meeting on 24 March 2020 the Committee considered proposed negative instruments and recommended that the appropriate procedure for the following instruments is for them to be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament (i.e. the negative procedure).

The Harbours and Highways (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

The Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

Formal Minutes

Tuesday 24 March 2020

Members present:

Andrew Jones, in the Chair

Mrs Flick Drummond Liz Twist

Mr Richard Holden Craig Williams

The Chair declared that he was the Minister in the Department for Transport who signed ‘The Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020’.

Draft Report (*Third Report*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

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

Paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3 agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report be the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

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

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