

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

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Clause 17

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Clause 17, page 20, line 34, at end insert –

- “(3) In subsection (1)(b), developments in scientific understanding must be identified based upon regular reviews of the scientific evidence.
- (4) When undertaking a review of scientific evidence referred to in subsection (3), the relevant national authority must consider the methodological quality of the evidence, in terms of the extent to which all aspects of a study's design, data collection protocols and statistical analysis can be shown to protect against systematic bias, non-systematic bias, and inferential error.
- (5) Where regulations under subsection (1) constitute environmental law, the review of scientific evidence must also consider whether the evidence takes a sufficiently wide view of the ecological impacts.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is to ensure that future regulations will be based on a proper assessment of the best science available.

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