

Environment Bill

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[For Eighth Marshalled List]

Schedule 20

LORD WHITTY

Page 247, line 19, at end insert –

- “(1A) Regulations made under this paragraph must not reduce the protections or standards of any Article or Annex of the REACH Regulation.
- (1B) Subject to sub-paragraph (1A), the Secretary of State may by regulations seek to maintain or exceed regulatory parity with any new or amended regulations of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the regulation of chemicals.
- (1C) The Secretary of State must prepare an annual report explaining each decision not to align with new EU restrictions and authorisations on chemicals, and Candidate List Substances of Very High Concern.
- (1D) The annual report must include an assessment of the environmental, economic and public health impact of any such decisions.
- (1E) An annual report must be laid before Parliament before the end of the 3 month period beginning immediately after the last day of the period to which the report relates.
- (1F) The Secretary of State must publish annual reports laid before Parliament under this section.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the possibility that a Secretary of State might lower standards that are in place currently while enabling them to easily meet or exceed new EU chemical protections and standards. It would also place an obligation on the Government to transparently justify any decision to deviate from EU control on chemicals.

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