

Regulations made by the Secretary of State, laid before Parliament under paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, subject to extension for periods of dissolution, prorogation or adjournment for more than four days.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1339

EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION

**The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme
(Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>at 9.15 a.m. on 14th October 2019</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>at 4.00 p.m. on 14th October 2019</i>
<i>Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)</i>		

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018⁽¹⁾.

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that, by reason of urgency, it is necessary to make these Regulations without a draft of the instrument being laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament⁽²⁾.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

(2) These Regulations come into force on exit day.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Regulation” means Regulation (EU) No. 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (Text with EEA relevance).

(1) 2018 c. 16.

(2) Paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

Revocation of retained direct EU legislation

3. The Regulation is revoked.

Transitional provision and savings

4.—(1) Where paragraph (3) or (4) applies to a person, the Secretary of State may grant and provide financial assistance to that person.

(2) Financial assistance may be provided in such form and on such terms as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

(3) This paragraph applies to a person if—

(a) the person was, or is a party to a project that was, awarded funding under the Regulation before exit day; and

(b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that the person—

(i) would have been entitled to receive payment in respect of that award, if the United Kingdom had not withdrawn from the European Union; but

(ii) has not received payment.

(4) This paragraph applies to a person if—

(a) the person was, or is a party to a project that was, awarded funding on or after exit day and on or before 31 December 2020 under the Regulation as it has effect in EU law from time to time; and

(b) the Secretary of State is satisfied that the person—

(i) is entitled to receive payment in respect of that award under the Regulation; but

(ii) has not received payment.

At 9.15 a.m. on 14th October 2019

Chris Philp
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers in section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c. 16), in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular under section 8(2)(a) or (b)) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Regulation 3 revokes Regulation (EU) No. 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 (Text with EEA relevance). That Regulation establishes an EU programme on rights, equality and citizenship for the period 2014 to 2020, which aims to protect and promote specific rights and freedoms under EU law.

Regulation 4 sets out transitional provisions that will allow the Secretary of State to give financial assistance if the European Commission does not fund United Kingdom projects in accordance with the Regulation from exit day up until 31 December 2020. The transitional provisions in regulation 4(4) also allow funding to be provided in certain circumstances when the United Kingdom will become a third country participant.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ and is published alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.