EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE EXPORT CONTROL (YEMEN SANCTIONS) REGULATIONS 2015

2015 No.1586

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

This memorandum contains information for the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The Export Control (Yemen Sanctions) Regulations 2015 make provision relating to the enforcement of the trade restrictions in view of the situation in Yemen contained in Council Regulation (EU) No 1352/2014, as amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2015/878.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None

4. Legislative Context

4.1 On 8 June 2015, the European Council adopted Decision 2015/882/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Yemen, amending Council Decision 2014/932/CFSP. On the same date, the Council adopted Council Regulation (EU) 2015/878 so as to implement all those elements of the 8 June 2015 Decision which fall within EU competence. Council Regulation (EU) 2015/878 amends Council Regulation (EU) No 1352/2014 of 18 December 2014 (the "Yemen Regulation").

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As this instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

- ***What is being done and why***

7.1 The government's policy is to support the EU legislation concerning restrictive measures against Yemen.

7.2 The Regulations provide for national offences, penalties and licensing provisions that are required to supplement the Yemen Regulation.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 The Regulations consist of a technical implementation of a directly applicable EU Regulation. Accordingly, no consultation was necessary.

9. Guidance

9.1 Notices to exporters will be published on http://blogs.bis.gov.uk/exportcontrol/ explaining the purpose and effect of the Yemen Regulation.

10. Impact

10.1 The Regulations provide for the offences and penalties in relation to the restrictive measures in the Yemen Regulation.

EU Regulations are directly applicable in the Member States. Thus, a regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no or minimal impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

10.2 There is no or minimal impact on the public sector.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 This legislation applies to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 The Department will monitor the developments in Yemen, the actions taken by the EU and the impact of the Regulations and give effect to any necessary changes if the sanctions are reviewed.

13. Contact

13.1 Christopher Chew at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Tel: 020 7215 8088 or email: chris.chew@bis.gsi.gov.uk can answer any queries regarding the instrument.

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