

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
**THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (IRON AND STEEL EMPLOYEES RE-
ADAPTATION BENEFITS SCHEME) (No. 2) (REVOCATION)**
REGULATIONS 2012

2012 No. 2262

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 This instrument revokes three regulations related to a scheme for the payment of benefits to certain steel workers. The scheme was terminated in the United Kingdom in 1994, subject to transitional provisions. The scheme and the transitional provisions are now redundant.

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

3.1 None.

4. **Legislative Context**

4.1 The three regulations the Government wishes to revoke were identified under the Red Tape Challenge.

4.2 The Red Tape Challenge was launched by the Government in April 2011 with the aim of reducing the number of regulations on the statute book. The Government wishes to reduce the overall burden of regulation as out-of-date and unnecessary regulation can act as a barrier to growth and should be removed.

5. **Territorial Extent and Application**

5.1 This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. **European Convention on Human Rights**

As the 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 European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (No. 2) Regulations 1988

These regulations provided for a scheme under which eligible steel workers were entitled to certain benefit payments. The scheme was terminated in 1994, subject to transitional provisions, and is now redundant.

The European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (No. 2) (Scheme Termination) Regulations 1994

Subject to transitional provisions, these regulations terminated the scheme contained in the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (No. 2) Regulations 1988. The scheme and the transitional provisions are now redundant.

The European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 1996

These regulations amended the scheme, as continued in force by the transitional provisions contained in the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (No. 2) (Scheme Termination) Regulations 1994, by allowing the Secretary of State to replace weekly payments payable under the scheme with a lump sum payment. The scheme and the transitional provisions are now redundant.

- ***Consolidation***

7.2 None.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Guidance

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Impact

10.1 The impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is nil.

10.2 The impact on the public sector is nil.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 This is a revocation of regulations which are redundant so a review is not necessary.

13. Contact

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