

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE REGISTRATION OF CONSULTANT LOBBYISTS (AMENDMENT)**  
**REGULATIONS**

**2015 No. 1477**

**1.** This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Cabinet Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Purpose of the instrument**

2.1 This instrument amends the Registration of Consultant Lobbyists Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/379) to replace an incorrect cross-reference in regulation 5(1)(b) of those Regulations.

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

3.1 This instrument corrects a defect in SI 2015/379 and is therefore being issued free of charge.

**4. Legislative Context**

4.1 The Registration of Consultant Lobbyists Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/379) were made to support the implementation of the statutory register of lobbyists, provided by part 1 of Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014. They were laid on 26 February 2015 and come into force on 1 April 2015.

**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 the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

**7. Policy background**

7.1 The sole purpose of these regulations is to correct a defect in regulation 5(1)(b) of SI 2015/379, to replace an incorrect cross-reference to “paragraph (1)”, which would refer to

paragraph 1 of regulation 5 of SI 2015/379 itself, with the correct reference to section 5(1) of the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Act 2014. No policy issues arise.

## **8. Consultation Outcome**

8.1 As this SI is solely to correct a defect in regulations as set out above, it was not necessary to hold a consultation.

## **9. Guidance**

9.1 Guidance is not necessary.

## **10. Impact**

10.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared in relation to this instrument as no impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

## **11. Regulating small business**

11.1 The instrument corrects a minor error and therefore has no impact on small business. In any event the enabling legislation does not apply to businesses not registered under the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

## **12. Monitoring and Review**

12.1 It is not necessary to review this instrument as its sole intention is to correct a defect in regulations, as set out above.

## **13. Contact**

13.1 Katy Budge at the Cabinet Office Tel: 020 72763513 or email: [registerlobbyists@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:registerlobbyists@cabinetoffice.gov.uk) can answer any queries regarding the instrument.