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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 628**

**The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018  
(Consequential Modifications and Repeals  
and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

**PART 2**

Interpretation of references to EU instruments etc.

**Interpretation of references created on or after exit day to EU regulations etc.**

**3.—**(1) The Interpretation Act 1978<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In section 20 (references to other enactments), after subsection (2), insert—

“(3) Where an Act passed on or after exit day refers to any EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement, the reference, unless the contrary intention appears, is a reference to the EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

(4) Subsection (3) does not determine any question as to whether the reference is to be read as a reference to the EU regulation, EU decision, EU tertiary legislation or provision of the EEA agreement as modified by domestic law (and, accordingly, is without prejudice to subsection (2)).

(5) Any expression in subsection (3) or (4) which is defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 has the same meaning in that subsection as in that Act.”

(3) In section 22(1) (application to Acts and Measures) after “subject” insert “, in the case of section 20(3) to (5), to the provision made in section 20(3) and”.