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To: All Peers

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My Lords,

### **RETAINED EU LAW (REVOCATION AND REFORM) BILL: REVOCATION SCHEDULE EXPLAINER PUBLICATION**

I am pleased to inform you that the Government has today published an explanation of each piece of legislation listed in the revocation Schedule proposed in the Government amendment tabled last week to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

Throughout the Bill's passage, the Government has listened to the views of both Houses and has considered how best to achieve its intended goals of enabling the country to further seize the opportunities of Brexit by ensuring regulations fit the needs of the UK, helping to drive economic growth and innovation. As a result, the Government tabled an amendment to the Bill last week which provided clarity as to which retained EU law the Government intends to revoke at the end of this year.

The schedule includes a significant amount of retained EU law which is defunct and unnecessary now that we have left the EU. This is an efficient way of removing such legacy regulation from our statute book and represents good law-making. The Schedule also includes some retained EU law which we can now remove which had been designed in a way which was clearly contrary to the needs and requirements of the UK. Specifically, for example, the Port Services Regulations set out reporting and consultation requirements designed for the largely publicly owned EU ports sector which place unnecessary burdens on the predominantly private-sector UK port operators.

Today we go further by publishing information regarding each piece of legislation listed in the proposed Schedule. The document we have published sets out which department owns the legislation to be revoked, its purpose, and the reason we propose it should be revoked.

This additional detail demonstrates that the Government is committed to working collaboratively with the House as this important Bill continues its passage. The information published provides better insight for parliamentarians and the public into the Government's considerations in deciding which retained EU law to revoke. The publication can be found through the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schedule-of-retained-eu-law>.

Throughout the passage of the Bill, the Government has made clear that in revoking and reforming retained EU law we will not compromise on the UK's high standards. The Government has been clear that we want to remove and reform regulation so that the UK can be more internationally competitive, providing businesses and consumers with more flexibility and reducing unnecessary bureaucratic burdens.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the publication of this explanation, and I hope that it will be a valuable resource for parliamentarians and the public as the Bill progresses through Parliament.

I look forward to working with all noble Lords in the House as we continue to scrutinise this important piece of legislation.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the House library.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Callanan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**LORD CALLANAN**