An EU document is ‘deposited’ in Parliament by the Government

The document and the EM are included in the next ‘Chair’s Sift’

Within 10 days, the Government submits an Explanatory Memorandum

The Sift: the Chair decides on one of three options

(1) Document is sifted for scrutiny to the relevant committee
   - Committee considers the document and EM
     - Takes no further action
     - Correspondence continues until committee is satisfied

(2) Document is drawn to the attention of the relevant committee
   - Committee writes to the Government to seek further information

(3) Document is not sifted for scrutiny
   - Committee takes evidence, in writing or orally
     - Committee writes to the Government or publishes a report
       - Report proposes a motion which must be debated within 14 sitting days of report publication

For certain types of EU legislation raising ‘matters of vital national interest’, the Committee may decide, having taken evidence, to report under s.29 of the EU (WA) Act 2020

Scrutiny completed

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