



Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

# BUSINESS IMPACT TARGET: SUMMARY

Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions  
(NQRP) summary reporting



**Regulator: The Office for Product Safety & Standards ('Safety and Standards')**

**Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 8 June 2017 to 20 June 2018**

<b>Excluded Category</b>	<b>Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available</b>
<b>Measures certified as being below de minimis (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5m)</b>	<p><b>Fines and Penalties:</b></p> <p>There have been no changes to the way Safety and Standards approaches sanctions. The approach is set out in Safety &amp; Standards' published Enforcement Policy.</p> <p>Safety and Standards publishes a list of enforcement actions which is updated on a six monthly basis.</p> <p><b>Casework:</b></p> <p>There have been no changes to the way Safety and Standards approaches its casework and investigatory activities within this reporting period.</p> <p><b>Education, communications and promotion:</b></p> <p>As well as maintaining its ongoing programme of communication and awareness raising, Safety and Standards made the following changes in this reporting year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establishment of a Timber Expert Panel, piloting improved ways of engaging at a sectoral level</li><li>• Publication of an EU Timber Regulations due diligence checklist to improve clarity for businesses on the focus of inspections</li><li>• Simplification of the published Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) verification form to streamline applications for importers</li><li>• Improvements to the published Heat Networks notification template to facilitate the notification process</li></ul> <p><b>Changes to management of regulator</b></p> <p>The Office for Product Safety and Standards was created in January 2018, combining all the functions carried out by the former Regulatory Delivery Directorate of BEIS with a new responsibility to improve national capacity for product safety regulation. The Office is building its capacity while it delivers support and advice for local authority Trading Standards teams on product safety, and co-ordinates product safety across local authorities where action is needed on a national scale. A new strategy for Product Safety will be published shortly.</p>

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	<p><b>Activity related to Policy Development</b></p> <p>As well as its direct policy responsibilities (which have been covered separately as part of BEIS' return), Safety and Standards acts as a regulator in a number of separate technical and environmental areas such as Ecodesign, Energy Labelling, the Restriction on Hazardous Substances (RoHS) and FLEGT. It's enforcement teams work closely with the policy leads on these areas based elsewhere in BEIS or in other Government Departments, to ensure that the need for effective and proportionate enforcement is considered in future policy making including in relation to the potential implications of EU Exit.</p> <p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Safety and Standards have introduced a number of regulatory measures with a business impact of less than £5 million:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refined approach to the RoHS notification process, with a more effective notification template and a provision to pass the details on to all other relevant Market Surveillance Authorities, removing the need for businesses to make multiple notifications.</li> <li>• Pilot of an engagement and systems assessment model to Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Regulations, which facilitates communication, recognition of compliance and better-informed market surveillance.</li> <li>• Shift in the focus of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Battery Take Back enforcement away from store level inspections</li> </ul> <p>Introduction of checks on businesses that end their participation in compliance schemes in relation to WEEE.</p>
<p><b>All other excluded categories</b></p>	<p>Following consideration of the other exclusion categories there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.</p>