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# Business Impact Target: Summary Template

Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions  
(NQRP) summary reporting template

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**Regulator: Rural Payments Agency (RPA)****Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 2015-17**

<b>Excluded Category*</b>	<b>Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**</b>
A – EU and International	<p>RPA is the English 'Paying Agency' as defined in EU regulation and is responsible for administering Common Agricultural Policy schemes as defined in regulation. In line with s.22(4)(c) of the SBEE Act, this does not count as a qualifying regulatory provision.</p> <p>None of the activities associated with the administration and payment of schemes represent a change in burden of regulation on business.</p>
B – Economic Regulation	Not applicable
C – Price Control	Not applicable
D - Civil Emergencies	Not applicable
E – Fines and Penalties	Not applicable
F – Pro-Competition	Not applicable
G – Large Infrastructure projects	Not applicable
H – Misuse of Drugs/National Minimum Wage	Not applicable
I – Systemic Financial Risk	Not applicable
K – Industry Codes	Not applicable
L1 – Casework	<p>RPA does enforce scheme rules and undertake risk based selection. The selection of inspection and type conducted is defined in regulation (in particular 809/2014 but also associated guidance such as DSCG/2014/32) and so is exempt from the reporting requirements.</p>
L2 – Education, communications and promotion	<p>Any guidance or other literature on gov.uk, sets out in plain English what is required should individuals or business wish to access support and provisions made available under the Common Agricultural Policy schemes.</p> <p>None of the material produced creates a new regulatory standard that businesses will be expected to follow. Any new regulatory standards will follow the regulatory process and their impacts assessed as part of this process if appropriate, a qualifying regulatory provision summary will be submitted.s the</p>

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L3 – Activity related to policy development	The RPA is an Executive Agency of Defra and an EU Paying Agency. It is not responsible for policy development. Any changes to the rules governing the processing and payment of schemes administered under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is a consequence of changes to European regulation agreed by the Commission or as a result of domestic flexibility (eg around which Ecological Focus Areas farmers can declare to meet their greening requirements) which was agreed between Defra policy teams and Ministers.
L4 – Changes to management of regulator	There have been no changes to the management of the RPA.

\*complete the summary box as ‘following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion’ where this is appropriate

\*\* For certain excluded categories - such as A, B, C, F and I, it is good practice to provide a narrative description of any significant measures. This will help provide greater transparency and assurance that BIT exclusions are being applied consistently and appropriately