
 <b>Regulatory Policy Committee</b>	<b>OPINION</b>	
<b>Impact Assessment (IA)</b>	Implementation of Professor Löfstedt's recommendation to exempt from health and safety law those self employed whose work activities pose no potential risk of harm to others.	
<b>Lead Department/Agency</b>	Health and Safety Executive	
<b>Stage</b>	Consultation	
<b>Origin</b>	Domestic	
<b>Date submitted to RPC</b>	21/06/2012	
<b>RPC Opinion date and reference</b>	28/06/2012	RPC12-HSE-1418
<b>Overall Assessment</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The IA clearly sets out the rationale and possible impacts of exempting the self-employed from aspects of health and safety law.</p>		
<p><b>Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options</b></p> <p><i>Costs and benefits.</i> The IA clearly identifies the costs and benefits of exempting from health and safety law those self-employed whose work activities pose no potential risk of harm to others. While not all of the costs and benefits have been monetised the IA sets out where this has not been done at this stage and explains that these are expected to be quantified following consultation.</p>		
<p><b>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</b></p> <p>The IA says that the proposal is a deregulatory measure that has a direct net benefit to business (an 'OUT'). This is consistent with the current One-in, One-out Methodology (paragraph 18) and provides a reasonable assessment of the likely direction of impacts. The evidence supporting the estimated Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB) will have to be further strengthened so that it can be validated at final stage.</p>		
<p><b>Signed</b></p> 	<p><b>Michael Gibbons, Chairman</b></p>	