Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION
Impact Assessment (IA)	Impact Assessment of the Order to ban the sale of certain non-native species in England and Wales under section 14ZA of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Stage	Final
Origin	Domestic
Date submitted to RPC	26/06/2012
RPC Opinion date and reference	30/07/2012 RPC12-DEFRA-1289(2)
Overall Assessment	GREEN

The IA is fit for purpose. The issues raised in our previous opinion (23/03/2012) have been adequately addressed. In particular, the IA now explains more clearly how the costs and benefits of the proposal have been determined.

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

Costs and benefits. The issues raised in our previous opinion (23/03/2012) have been adequately addressed. In particular, the IA is now supplemented by improved qualitative arguments, explaining more clearly how the costs and benefits of the proposal have been determined. In addition, more detail is provided on mitigation action such as the wide availability of alternatives plants for consumers.

Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?

The IA says that the proposal is an IN with a net cost to business valued at £0.08 million in EANCB terms. This is consistent with the current One-in, One-out (OIOO) Methodology and appears a reasonable estimate given the available evidence.

Signed Michael Gibbons, Chairman