Regulatory Policy Committee	Validation of the Net Direct Impact on Business
Title of the 'Validation' IA	Enhancing consumer confidence:
	Generic set of consumer law powers
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Business, Innovation
	and Skills
Expected date of implementation	SNR5
Origin	Domestic
Date IA submitted to RPC	20/03/2013
Date of RPC Validation	02/04/2013
Date of RTA Confirmation	N/A
RPC Confirmation reference	RPC12-BIS-1248(3)
Departmental Assessment	
Overall Direction of Impacts	OUT
Estimate of the Equivalent	-£5.29m
Annual Net Cost to Business	
claimed by the Department	
RPC Validation	
Direction of Impact	OUT
Estimate of the Equivalent	VALIDATED
Annual Net Cost to Business	
Validated by RPC	
RPC Comments	

The IA explains clearly the proposed changes to simplify and consolidate the consumer law investigatory powers. The expected benefits to business are from the notification of inspections, thereby giving business notice of a visit and ensuring availability of the appropriate person to speak to the inspector; and the removal, for bakers of non packed bread, of the need to request an exemption certificate. We note that following discussions with RPC, the Department has revised the evidence relating to automatic exemption from keeping records for bakers. This has resulted in a revision of the EANCB figure from -£5.34m to -£5.29m.

Signed

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