

The Tobacco and Related Products (Amendment) (Priority Additives) Regulations 2016

Department for Health

RPC rating: confirmed as a non-qualifying regulatory provision

Description of proposal

The proposal will amend the domestic regulations that transpose the Tobacco Products Directive. The amendment will specify which 15 'priority additives' tobacco manufacturers and importers will be required to test comprehensively, as a result of the potential contributions to harmful health effects, characteristic flavours and increased nicotine intake. The reports will need to be submitted to Public Health England by January 2018.

Impacts of proposal

The impact assessment for the Tobacco Products Directive appraised the cost to business of testing the additives at £560,000 per additive, with a total cost to business of £8.4 million. In line with the methodology set out in the Tobacco Products Directive IA, 8.1% of this (£0.7 million) is attributed to UK businesses (£0.1 million in equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) terms). The overall impacts and costs of the Directive as validated in the [RPC opinion on the Tobacco Products Directive remain unchanged](#).¹

As a measure of EU origin that does not go beyond the minimum requirements this will be a non-qualifying regulatory provision.

Quality of submission

The impacts of the amendment have been assessed and reported in relation to the Tobacco Products Directive. As such, the estimated EANDCB is not reported here to avoid potential double counting of the impacts.

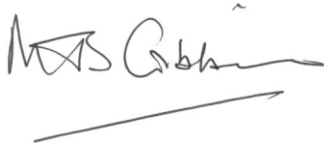
¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/522262/RPC15-DH-3142_2_-Tobacco_Products_Directive_-_final_RPC_opinion.pdf

Departmental assessment

| | |
|--|---|
| Classification | Non-qualifying regulatory provision (EU) |
| Equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB) | Not applicable (low cost non-qualifying regulatory provision) |

RPC assessment

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Classification | Non-qualifying regulatory provision (EU) |
| Small and micro business assessment | Not required (EU) |



Michael Gibbons CBE, Chairman