Opinion: Non-qualifying regulatory provision confirmation

Origin: European

RPC reference number: RPC-DfT-4052 Business impact reporting year: 2016 to 2017



UK implementation of a minor amendment to EU Fuel Quality Directive

Department for Transport

RPC rating: confirmed as a non-qualifying regulatory provision

Description of proposal

This proposal updates the existing EU Fuel Quality Directive (98/70/EC) by amending references to the European standards for petrol and diesel. These outline appropriate test methods and are amended periodically to reflect innovation in both fuels and testing methods.

Impacts of proposal

The NQRP confirmation request states that the proposal will not go beyond the minimum standard of the EU directive.

The department also states that the measure will not have any impact on business as it "merely brings the legislation in line with current industry practice and therefore imposes no cost or impact to the industry."

Quality of submission

The NQRP confirmation request could be improved by providing a clearer description of the evidence supporting the Department's assumption that any familiarisation costs will be negligible.

Nevertheless, the RPC is able to confirm that the measure is both non-qualifying under the Business Impact Target and low-cost, meaning a precise EANDCB need not be provided. Opinion: Non-qualifying regulatory provision confirmation

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Departmental assessment

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	cost regulation)
Equivalent annual net cost to	Not applicable (low-cost non-qualifying
business (EANDCB)	regulatory provision)

RPC assessment

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Equivalent annual net cost to	Not required (low-cost regulation)
business (EANDCB)	

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