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To: +Windsor Framework Committee Public Email **Cc:** Murphy, Anne-Marie; McKeown, Philippa ;
Morrow, Carol; Coulter, Julie

Subject: RE: DSC 294/24 Letter from SAAC to Consumer Council for NI

Good Evening Chris

Thank you for the correspondence.

We reviewed the original request from Victoria Bourquin on 29 November alongside the EU Directive: [Directive \(EU\) 2024/2853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#)

The Consumer Council does not have any statutory remit in relation to product liability and nor do we have any consumer data or research on this topic. We also do not monitor or hold any business data relating to this matter.

Therefore, we are unable to respond to the survey as we cannot provide evidence into:

- Whether applying/not applying the Act would have a significant impact on consumers in Northern Ireland.
- The likely cost implications for businesses based in GB, whether that is liability insurance premiums and any other associated costs.

We have already shared the survey with Trading Standards Northern Ireland, who are better placed to provide views on this matter, although we understand product safety is a matter for local councils.

I hope this helps and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need anything further from us.

Thanks... Noyona

Noyona Chundur
Chief Executive



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5 December 2024

Noyona Chundur
Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

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CC: Anne-Marie Murphy
Director of Strategy and Emerging Markets, Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Dear Noyona,

Further to the enclosed letter dated 29.11.24, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) met today to hear departmental oral evidence in relation to [Directive \(EU\) 2024/2853](#). The DSC agreed to write again to the Consumer Council and seek views on whether applying/not applying the act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist.

Members of the DSC expressed a particular interest in any comments the Consumer Council may wish to make on the likely cost implications posed by the act for businesses based in GB which supply products to Northern Ireland, including likely impacts on the cost of liability insurance premiums and any other associated costs.

You can do so via Citizen Space at the following link: <https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/windsor-framework-democratic-scrutiny-committee/eu-regulation-2024-2853/>

However, please note that the survey will close on 8 December 2024.

The Committee will deliberate on the evidence it has received on 12 December 2024, so if you wish to provide views by way of separate correspondence (instead of via the survey), we request that you do so as soon as possible before that date.

Yours sincerely

Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee



Victoria Bourquin, Assistant Assembly Clerk
Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny
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29 November 2024

Noyona Chundur
Chief Executive Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

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Dear Noyona,

[Directive \(EU\) 2024/2853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC](#)

The Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) was notified of the above published replacement EU act, under paragraph 6(1)(b) of [Schedule 6B of the Northern Ireland Act 1998](#).

At its meeting on 28 November 2024, the DSC agreed to carry out an inquiry into the replacement act. As part of its inquiry, the DSC is seeking your views on whether applying/not applying the act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist.

Should you wish to provide views, you can do so via Citizen Space at the following link: <https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/windsor-framework-democratic-scrutiny-committee/eu-regulation-2024-2853>

Please note that the survey will close on **8 December 2024**.

Yours sincerely

**Victoria Bourquin, Assistant Assembly Clerk
Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee**