

**COM/2023/411 Proposal for a Regulation on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625**

**Consultation Response - Ulster Farmers' Union (UFU)**

**Impact of EU Act**

**1 Does it appear likely that the proposed EU act would have a significant negative impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist?**

Unsure

**Tell us why :**

Please see the response to question 3.

**2 Does it appear likely that NOT APPLYING the proposed EU act would have a significant negative impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist?**

Unsure

**Tell us why:**

Please see the response to question 3.

**3 Are there any other matters regarding the proposed EU act that you wish to draw to the Committee's attention? Please note, any information provided should be of an evidential nature rather than a commentary.**

Yes

**Tell us why :**

More information is required from all levels of government before we can provide a definitive comment on this EU Act. Due to the UK-EU reset, questions remain as to what will apply in GB if a desired Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary/Veterinary deal is reached between the UK and EU. We accept that COM/2023/411 Proposal for a Regulation on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625, will apply in NI. However, the basis of any concern from the UFU is around the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023, currently making its way through the legislative process in England. This act is England's version of the proposed EU act in question by this committee. As this Act applies only in England, concerns are being raised as to what it means for all devolved regions of the UK, how products will flow between the UK internal market and how it would interact

with COM/2023/411 Proposal for a Regulation on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625.