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Dear ██████████

DSC 199/25 - Proposal for a Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005

Thank you for your letter dated 19th September 2025, in which the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee asked why the Department has not completed an impact assessment on the proposed European Commission Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations, and when it plans to do so.

This legislation is still under negotiation in the EU, is progressing through the legislative process and we would anticipate will still be subject to amendment. In general, any such legislation is consulted upon with any impact assessments, where necessary, completed by the European Commission.

Northern Ireland (NI)-specific impact assessments are therefore not normally required. Furthermore, given the high possibility that the final text will differ substantially from the

published Commission proposals, any NI-specific impact assessment would be nugatory at this stage.

Once the final EU legislation is published and it has been determined that the legislation is applicable here, DAERA will of course consider the need for NI-specific legislation to enable its implementation. NI-specific impact assessments would be completed during any legislation development process.

Yours sincerely,

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19 September 2025

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Issued via email to:

Dear Neal

Proposal for a Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005

At its meeting on 18 September 2025, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) considered the above proposed EU act and heard evidence from the Ulster Farmers' Union and the British Agriculture Bureau. This proposed Regulation began its EU legislative passage before the Committee was established and the Committee has agreed to gather evidence on it, in anticipation of a likely notification once it is adopted and published. Evidence received by the Committee to date can be found [here](#).

The Committee agreed to share the Hansard of the evidence session with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), once it is available.

In the meantime, the Committee agreed to write to DAERA to ask why the Department has not conducted an impact assessment on the proposed Regulation, and when it intends to do so.

I would appreciate a response by 17 October 2025.

Yours sincerely,

██████████, Senior Assistant Clerk
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