

From: DAERA

Sent: 11 September 2026 12:34

To: DSC

Subject: *Updated Q/A document* DSC Decision to Monitor - COM/2025/1030

Thanks for following up on this and apologies for the delay in coming back to you. We have been in contact with policy officials who have provided an update as follows (in italics):

Regarding the meeting with CropLife, I can confirm that DAERA officials have been in touch with the association but that, given the limited further information available from the European Commission on how the Omnibus proposals will be implemented in practice, no meeting has yet been held.

However, CropLife have advised that, while the package contains some potentially positive proposals aimed at reducing regulatory burden, significant uncertainty remains as key supporting information has yet to be published. In particular, they highlighted the absence of the Commission's promised impact assessment and the lack of detail on how the proposals would be implemented in practice.

CropLife's initial view is that there are still a number of important unknowns, including how proposed changes such as data call-ins, alternative renewal arrangements and other regulatory measures would operate. They consider that, without further detail, it is difficult to fully assess the potential implications for industry or the broader regulatory framework.

CropLife also advised that CropLife Europe has been leading engagement on the Omnibus proposals and has developed position papers on the various elements of the package. They highlighted concerns regarding aspects of the proposals, including the suggested hazard-based approach to Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs), and noted that the UK has had no formal opportunity to influence the development of the proposals despite the potential implications for sectors affected by EU regulatory alignment.

In conclusion, CropLife has highlighted that regulatory implementation can influence companies' willingness to support NI authorisations and that improvements in this area proposed by the omnibus package may help sustain product availability.

A full assessment of the long-term implications of these regulations for PPP authorisations will not be possible until further information on implementation is available.

Regarding the above views from CropLife, DAERA concurs that there are still a number of unknowns and that there is insufficient information to carry out a full assessment of the implications of the Omnibus package. While some proposals may offer potential

benefits, significant uncertainty remains regarding their practical implementation and wider regulatory effects. As a result, a comprehensive assessment of the likely impacts is not possible at present and will depend on the publication of further detail by the European Commission.

DAERA will continue to monitor developments and will consider further engagement with CropLife as additional information becomes available, to support more detailed discussions.

Hopefully, this update is helpful.

If you need anything else please let me know.

Many thanks

BMO Team

From: DSC

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To: DAERA

Subject: RE: *Updated Q/A document* DSC Decision to Monitor - COM/2025/1030

Good afternoon

At its meeting on 4 June 2026, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) considered the attached correspondence.

In response to a question from the Chairperson on stakeholder engagement, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs states that it has agreed to meet with Croplife.

The Committee agreed to request that the Department provides it with a timely brief on the outcome of this meeting with Croplife.

I look forward to hearing from you when said meeting has taken place.

Regards

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