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Thank you for your email dated 15 January and the point of clarification dated 16 January.

The Committee has requested information on the number of EU acts that no NI department is placed to provide the Committee with an assessment of impact.

In evidence to the Committee at its inquiry on the 15/01, officials referenced 4 pieces of legislation currently on their radar. A full assessment of our systems shows there are 10 such pieces of legislation including the Safety of Toys Regulation discussed at the Committee – these are set out in the table below. The Executive Office would like to take this opportunity to assure Members, that in addition to the usual and frequent engagement we have with departments in servicing the Committee, additional cross-NICS measures have been agreed to both assess and allocate these ‘orphan’ files to the most appropriate NI Department(s), based on its subject matter. As has been the case with 2009/48/EC, decisions on the allocation of unallocated legislation will be cognisant of the autonomy of Departments and take into account restrictions on Departmental vires and ambit.

Ref Number.	Title
1223/2009	Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on cosmetic products
2009/48/EC	Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys
2013/53/EU	Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on recreational craft and personal watercraft and repealing Directive 94/25/EC ⁹²
2014/90/EU	Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on marine equipment and repealing Council Directive 96/98/EC

68/193/EEC	Council Directive 68/193/EEC of 9 April 1968 on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine
2021/1873	Regulation (EU) 2021/1873 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2021 on the extension of the term of the Community plant variety rights for varieties of the species <i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L. and of the species groups flower bulbs, woody small fruits and woody ornamentals
1375/2007	Commission Regulation (EC) No 1375/2007 of 23 November 2007 on imports of residues from the manufacture of starch from maize from the United States of America
2006/111/EC	Commission Directive 2006/111/EC of 16 November 2006 on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings as well as on financial transparency within certain undertakings (Codified version) (Text with EEA relevance)
2019/2152	Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics, repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics (Text with EEA relevance)
638/2004	Regulation (EC) No 638/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/917

The Committee has also requested written information on the number of UK-only toy suppliers/manufacturers which supply to Northern Ireland. This information is not held by either TEO or the Department for the Economy. The Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) within the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) has advised TEO officials that neither OPSS nor the wider DBT hold data relating to the number of UK-only toy suppliers and manufacturers which supply to Northern Ireland, nor the number of toy suppliers and manufacturers which exclusively supply to the UK.

OPSS has stressed that its engagement with industry stakeholders to date indicates that the majority of toy manufacturers in the UK are supplying for an EU market and will therefore be looking to apply the new requirements under Regulation (EU) 2025/2509 on the safety of toys ('the new EU Toy Safety Regulation') to existing and future product lines.

OPSS went on to state that as part of the UK government's commitment to protect the UK internal market, and as stated in the Explanatory Memorandum for the new EU Toy Safety Regulation, it will launch a Call for Evidence within the next six months to further inform its understanding of this sector and the potential impacts of the new EU Toy Safety Regulation.

With regards