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To whom it may concern

Thank you for your letter, sent to the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI), dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2026.

With regard to the regulations detailed in the letter namely, Regulation (EU) 2026/405 on detergents and surfactants, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004, HSENI has no remit in respect of these regulations. Enforcement for these fall to the district councils and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), while the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is the competent authority for them.

Therefore HSENI cannot provide any views on applying/not applying the act to the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee.

Kind regards,

**PPTO, Market Compliance Chemicals Team**

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13 March 2026

Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI)

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To whom it may concern,

**[Regulation \(EU\) 2026/405 on detergents and surfactants, and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 648/2004](#)**

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 12 March 2026, 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 negative 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-2026-405/>

The DSC requests that you also share the survey with any relevant contacts.

The Northern Ireland Assembly uses Citizen Space in its calls for evidence. However, if you are unable to access Citizen Space or need to provide your response in an alternative format, please contact the committee office at: [windsorframework.committee@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:windsorframework.committee@niassembly.gov.uk).

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**Please note that the survey will close on 22 March 2026**

Yours sincerely

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