

Regulation (EU) 2026/405 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2026 on detergents and surfactants, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004

Consultation Response - UK Cleaning Products Industry Association

Impact of EU Act

1 Does it appear likely that the 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?

No

Tell us why :

Whilst there will be additional costs and resources placed on Industry we believe these will be minor and not likely to significantly negatively impact on the market. The act introduces a number of benefits to Industry such as reducing overlap with other labelling regulations, supports digital labelling and label decluttering, considers the possible future growth of refill products and improved consumer communication.

2 Does it appear likely that NOT APPLYING the 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?

No

Tell us why:

As NI is already following current EU regulatory requirements for detergents and surfactants this would not change if the new act is not applied but will mean that NI would diverge from the EU. If GB subsequently aligned with the EU regulations this would could lead to divergence.

However, it is likely that industry would voluntarily adopt many of the new requirements brought in by the act and for example has already sought assured advice from its Primary Authority Partner that the additional fragrance labelling in the new act would be seen as best practice consumer advice.

3 Are there any other matters regarding the 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 :

The UK Cleaning Products Industry Association (UKCPI) is the leading trade association representing UK manufacturers of cleaning and hygiene products.

UKCPI is a direct member of the Defra Chemical Policy & Communication Forum and was informed through that forum of the activities they were undertaking in this matter. As a key stakeholder we have been in regular communication with Defra officials since 2025 and are providing feedback on behalf of the UK Industry. Bearing in mind that the EU regulations are subject to secondary legislation and that needs to be considered by the authorities.

We are encouraged by their and the GB Government's commitment to align regulatory decisions with EU decisions and in doing so ensure that there is a single regulatory approach across the whole of the UK market.