

PUBLISHED REPLACEMENT EU ACT INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

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REGULATION (EU) 2024/1781 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 June 2024 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for sustainable products, amending Directive (EU) 2020/1828 and Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC

TEO/DfE to provide date of publication in the Official Journal and provide link.

[Insert the full title of the EU act it is replacing (provide link) and the relevant part of the Protocol in which it is referenced]

TEO/DfE to input details.

Summary of the Act

[Insert a summary of the act]

TEO/DfE to input details.

[Highlight any changes that have been made since the act was first proposed (if considered previously).]

TEO/DfE to input details.

Department(s) Responsible

TEO/DfE to input details.

For DAERA:

DAERA has an interest in this EU Regulation. The Regulation relates to the full product lifecycle with DAERA interest mainly focused on product end of life stage and any following delegated acts where DAERA may be policy leads.

Initial Assessment of Impact

Does it appear likely that the application of the replacement EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist?

From a DAERA perspective, we expect there to be a positive impact to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist. This Regulation will support production and consumption patterns that align with

Northern Ireland's sustainability targets. The new ecodesign requirements contained in the Regulation should improve product durability, reliability, repairability, reusability and recyclability. This could in turn increase the resource efficiency of products and reduce their expected waste generation and increase the recycled content contained in them in conjunction with reducing their carbon and environmental footprints. This Regulation could enable the establishment of repairability or durability scores for products and provide data, which is currently unavailable, that would aid the measurement of waste prevention targets including on reuse and repair activities. These measures combined should ultimately see a reduction in waste being sent for destruction and to landfill leading to a reduction in costs to councils processing this waste.

NI manufacturers may need to apply the new ecodesign requirements to products in scope of the Regulation. Any further sector specific impacts would depend on the delegated acts brought forward under this new framework, which the UK Government and NI officials will keep under careful review.

Does it appear likely that not applying the replacement EU act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist?

DAERA's current understanding is that not applying the replacement EU act would be a lost opportunity and have a potential impact on Northern Ireland transitioning to a circular economy. It would not support the aim of lowering resource consumption to help reduce the use of virgin materials and using waste that is generated in a resource efficient manner. Ecodesign measures support producers to undertake building waste into design and implementing business models to enable the transition to a circular economy.

NI manufacturers may need to apply the new ecodesign requirements to products in scope of the Regulation if they wish to trade with the EU.

[Insert details of any other matters regarding the replacement act that the Department wishes to draw to the DSC's attention. This information should be of an evidential nature rather than a commentary]

N/A – will remove this after review if appropriate.

UK Government Explanatory Memorandum

TEO/DfE to input details.

Analysis by the European Commission on its Impact Assessment

TEO/DfE to input details.

Departmental Engagement

Officials in DAERA have kept a watching brief on this Regulation and have attended meetings in conjunction with DfE as requested.