

How the tables use dates

- For primary legislation, “date introduced” means the Bill First Stage date. “Date passed” means Final Stage completed. If the Bill has not completed Final Stage, the current Assembly stage is shown instead.
- For secondary legislation, “date introduced” means the date laid before the Assembly.
- For negative resolution statutory rules, the “date passed” is not shown as there is no requirement for the Assembly to pass the legislation.
- For affirmative / draft affirmative statutory rules, the date approved by the Assembly is the date passed.

Table 1 – Primary legislation identified from Assembly records

Legislation	Type	Date introduced / laid	Date passed / Assembly status	
Agriculture Bill / Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 2025	Primary Bill	25 November 2024	30 June 2025	Royal Assent received 16 September 2025

Table 2– Secondary legislation Commencement Orders

Legislation	Procedure	Date laid
The Pet Abduction (2024 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024	Commencement of rules in Primary Legislation	19 July 2024

Table 3 – Secondary legislation confirmed from Assembly records: affirmative / draft affirmative

Legislation	Procedure	Date laid	Date passed / approved
The Farm Sustainability Payment (Eligibility etc) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Draft Affirmative	18/11/2025	18/11/2025
The Farm Sustainability (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Draft Affirmative	20/02/2025	24/02/2025
The Farming with Nature Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Draft Affirmative	20/05/2025	20/05/2025
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026	Draft Affirmative	17/012/2025	16/02/2026
The Climate Change (2040 Emissions Target) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Draft Affirmative	02/12/2024	10/12/2024
The Climate Change (Carbon Budgets 2023-2037) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Draft Affirmative	02/12/2024	10/12/2024
The Climate Change (Just Transition Commission) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Draft Affirmative	27/03/2026	27/04/2026
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026	Draft Affirmative	13/01/2026	10/03/2026
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024	Draft Affirmative	23/02/2024	31/03/2024
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024	Draft Affirmative	22/10/2024	26/11/2024
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025	Draft Affirmative	02/12/2024	28/01/2025
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2025	Draft Affirmative	12/02/2025	31/03/2025
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026	Draft Affirmative	17/12/2025	11/03/2026
The Fisheries Act 2020 (Scheme for Financial Assistance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Draft Affirmative	30/05/2024	24/06/2024

Table 4 – Secondary legislation confirmed from Assembly records: negative resolution

Legislation	Procedure	Date laid
The Farming for the Generations Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	06/03/2024
The Farming for Sustainability Knowledge Transfer Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	07/03/2025
The Suckler Cow Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	07/03/2025
The Farming with Nature Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	29/05/2025
The Horticulture Pilot Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	05/06/2025
The Agricultural Schemes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	02/10/2025
The Farming for Sustainability Innovation Payments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	02/10/2025
The Bovine Genetics Genotyping Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	05/02/2026
The Farming with Nature Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	04/06/2026
The Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	18/11/2025
The Waste (Materials Facilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	06/02/2025
The Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	11/12/2024
The Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	07/07/2025
The Farm Sustainability Standards (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	03/12/2025
The Farm Sustainability Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	16/10/2025
The Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024 [REVOKED]	Negative resolution	10/12/2024
The Direct Payments to Farmers (Cross-Compliance) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	11/03/2025
The Scallop Enhancement Sites (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	05/06/2025
SR 2024/204 The Marine Licensing (Application Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	04/12/2024
SR 2024/93 - The Climate Change (Reporting Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	12/04/2024
The Shellfish Gathering (Conservation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	09/01/2026
The Shellfish Gathering (Conservation) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	05/02/2026
The Agriculture (Student Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	16/05/2024
The Agriculture (Student Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	19/06/2025
The Agriculture (Student Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	07/02/2026

The Sustainable Farming Investment Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2026	Negative resolution	06/02/2026
The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Control Order (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	20/12/2024
The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Eradication Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	20/12/2024
The Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	19/07/2024
The Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024	Negative resolution	14/06/2024
The Animals (Identification, Records, Movement and Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025	Negative resolution	23/01/2025
The Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	03/06/2026
The Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	25/06/2026
The Cattle Identification (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Negative resolution	12/06/2026

Table 5 – Pipeline items presently visible from Assembly records retrieved

Pipeline legislation	Type	Current Assembly position
Dilapidation Bill	Primary Bill	Laid in Assembly 23 June 2025. Not yet passed; Further Consideration Stage completed 30 June 2026; Final Stage to be scheduled
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Water Environment Bill	Primary Bill	Laid in Assembly 22 June 2026; Not yet passed; Second Stage completed 30 June 2026; Committee Stage to be scheduled
The Sheep Carcase Classification and Price Reporting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Statutory Rules	Affirmative Resolution Procedure; Proposed Statutory Rule - Complete and Committee Non Content; SL1 and Proposed Statutory Rule before Committee for decision
The Nutrients Action Programme Regulations (Northern Ireland)	Statutory Rules	SR is at draft stages, revised proposals are currently out to public consultation.
The Climate Change (Carbon Budget 2038-2042) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Statutory Rules	Draft SR in development.
The Dangerous Structures (Miscellaneous Fees) Regulations (NI) 2026	Statutory Rules	Draft SR in development.
The Dilapidation (2026 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026	Statutory Rules	Draft SR in development.

The Air Quality (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Statutory Rules	Draft SR in development.
The Direct Payments Regulations (Hemp) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Statutory Rules	Draft SR in development.
The draft Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Statutory Rules	Draft SR in development.
The draft Ozone Depleting Substances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026	Statutory Rules	Draft SR in development.