To make the 2019 Regulations which involves minor drafting amendments to update EU legislation references that the amended legislation enforces. The 2019 Regulations do not introduce any change in policy and have no substantive impact in themselves.

Drafting of the Eggs and Chicks and Poultrymeat (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019

1B. Please provide a short title which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

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1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service.

The Eggs and Chicks and Poultrymeat (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 (the 2019 Regulations).

1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above.

Developing a Policy Strategy Plan

Adopting a Policy Strategy Plan

Implementing a Policy Strategy Plan

Revising a Policy Strategy Plan Designing a Public Service

Delivering a Public Service

X

1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to.

1A. Name of Public Authority.

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and to amend certain UK wide food and drink legislation to ensure it is also operable following exit day.

a single country

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*Reasons why a definition of ‘rural’ is not applicable.*

*Rationale for using alternative definition of ‘rural’.*

*Details of alternative definition of ‘rural’ used.*

Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition). Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below).

A definition of ‘rural’ is not applicable.

X

1F. What definition of ‘rural’ is the Public Authority using in respect of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

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2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas *differently* from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.

2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.

Yes No If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **2E**.

X

2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?

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2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.

If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A.

Rural Businesses Rural Tourism Rural Housing

Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas Education or Training in Rural Areas

Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas

Poverty in Rural Areas Deprivation in Rural Areas

Rural Crime or Community Safety Rural Development

Agri-Environment

Other (Please state)

X

2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.

The European Communities Act 1972 (the ECA) confers powers upon DAERA to give effect to EU Regulations that do not otherwise come into direct effect in UK law. This provision enables the UK (and Northern Ireland where devolved) to implement EU law through domestic legislation. It is under the ECA that DAERA makes domestic legislation to enforce EU law.

It is necessary to make a small number of minor changes to the existing domestic legislation (to correct EU references) before the day that the UK leaves the EU, because the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EUWA) will repeal the ECA on that day and the powers to make such changes. This will ensure a smooth transition and maintain a functioning Northern Ireland statue book.

The 2019 Regulations will make a small number of minor drafting amendments to Northern Ireland domestic Statutory Rules, to amend an EU reference. The legislation being updated is:

* The Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010; and
* The Poultrymeat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.

In summary, the changes to be made are minor drafting amendments to ensure that the legislation continues to operate by amending an EU legislation reference in the legislation. The 2019 Regulations do not introduce any change in policy and have no substantive impact in themselves. As the changes made by the 2019 Regulations are minor it is expected that the Regulations will have no impact per se, and therefore no specific impact on rural areas.

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Not applicable.

3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders Published Statistics Consultation with Other Organisations Research Papers Surveys or Questionnaires Other Publications

Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).

3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

Yes No If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **3E**.

X

3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

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Because the 2019 Regulations make minor drafting amendments to ensure that the legislation continues to operate by updating the EU legislation references, no impact is envisaged as a result of these changes on people in rural areas or otherwise and the Regulations do not introduce new policy in these areas. The Statutory Rules that the 2019 Regulations amend were each assessed for their rural impacts prior to their being made. In each case it was concluded that the legislation would have no impact. Furthermore, in February 2019, a Rural Impact Assessment was undertaken in respect of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019. That legislation also included changes to the Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and the Poultrymeat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011; and the assessment concluded that no impacts would arise as a result of the amendments made at that point and no comments were received during consultation to the contrary.

Given that the additional amendments contained in the draft 2019 Regulations introduce no further policy and are again technical drafting changes, this conclusion remains unchanged. The Department is satisfied that there would be no further impacts as a result.

DAERA will publish this Assessment on [www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk) with the consultation on the proposal for the Regulations and stakeholders will be asked to comment on the conclusions of this Assessment. The Rural Impact Assessment will updated as necessary following the completion of the consultation.

3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A.

Not applicable.

3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority?

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The impact generally of the amendments to legislation was considered. Given that the proposed Regulations have no material impact and make only minor changes for operability purposes, it has been concluded that the Regulations themselves will have no impact on the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

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If the response to Section 5A was YES GO TO Section 6A.

5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified.

Yes No If the response is NO GO TO Section 5C.

X

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

**SECTION 5 - Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service**

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I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained and relevant information compiled.

X

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance.

**SECTION 6 - Documenting and Recording**

The need to amend legislation is a consequence of the UK leaving the EU; that is the EUWA will repeal the ECA such that it will no longer be possible to make changes under the ECA after the UK’s exit (see Section 2E above for further detail). The changes are necessary to ensure operability of the legislation and are not influenced specifically by rural needs.

No rural needs/impacts have been identified in undertaking this assessment and therefore there are no rural needs to influence the development of amending legislation.

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has NOT been influenced by the rural needs identified.