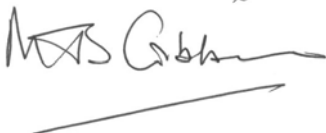
 <b>Regulatory Policy Committee</b>	<b>OPINION</b>	
<b>Impact Assessment (IA)</b>	African Horse Sickness Regulations through the implementation of Directive 92/35/EEC.	
<b>Lead Department/Agency</b>	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
<b>Stage</b>	Final	
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<b>Overall Assessment</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The IA clearly sets out the background to this proposal and the associated costs and benefits. The IA could benefit from more details of why the proposed cap has been set at £2,500.</p>		
<p><b>Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options</b></p>		
<p><i>Costs and Benefits:</i> The IA clearly explains the background to the proposal and the impacts of an outbreak under both the current and proposed regimes. This shows clearly how the proposed regime allows a more proportionate approach than is available at present. The IA also provides sufficient information on the current and proposed compensation arrangements, although it could have discussed further how the specific proposed cap of £2,500 was arrived at.</p>		
<p><b>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</b></p>		
<p>As the measure is of European origin, without any evidence of going beyond the minimum requirements, it is out of scope of 'One-in, One-out' under the current methodology.</p>		
<p><b>Signed</b></p> 	<p><b>Michael Gibbons, Chairman</b></p>	