
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Changes to the UK Pet Travel Scheme and subsequent amendments to the Non-Commercial Movement of Pets Regulation	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
Stage	Final	
Origin	European	
Date submitted to RPC	10/10/2011	
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Overall Assessment	GREEN	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The cost and benefits have been adequately assessed. The IA could also highlight the likelihood of retaining the existing derogation on tapeworm and the consequences if the desired outcome is not achieved.</p>		
<p>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</p> <p>The IA adequately reflects the costs and benefits of harmonising the UK's legislation with that of the EU regulation on control of rabies. The rationale for seeking to extend the derogation on tapeworm, whilst ceasing the continued existence of that for tick controls, is sufficiently explained.</p> <p><i>Risk and achievement of policy objective.</i> With regard to tapeworm, the IA indicates that incidences of the tapeworm <i>Echinococcus multilocularis</i> seem to be on the increase in continental Europe, with approximately 300 cases per year recorded in humans. In highlighting the risks associated with changing the border controls on pets entering the UK, the IA would also benefit from highlighting the likelihood of renewing the existing derogation and the consequences if the desired outcome is not achieved.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>While this proposal goes beyond minimum EU requirements it does not impose any direct costs on business and is therefore out of scope of One-in, One out.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chair	