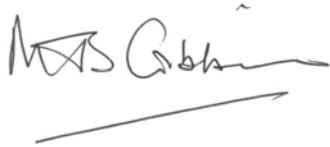
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Review of the Animal By-Products (Identification) Regulations 1995 and potential transfer of provisions to the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) Regulations 2011 in England and Wales	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
Stage	Consultation	
Origin	Domestic	
Date submitted to RPC	11/07/2012	
RPC Opinion date and reference	03/08/2012	RPC12-DEFRA1465
Overall Assessment	GREEN	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The options, costs and benefits have been adequately assessed. The IA would be improved by providing further clarification of the One-in, One-out position and additional explanation of the calculation of some of the potential savings to industry under option 2.</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><i>Options, costs and benefits.</i> The options, costs and benefits have been adequately assessed. The IA would, however, benefit from further explanation of how the current total annual costs to poultry slaughterhouses (Para 6.12 Bullet 1) have been calculated.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>The IA puts the preferred option as an ‘OUT’ on the basis (para 8.1) that it expects the savings to industry to exceed costs. Although this is consistent with the current One-in, One-out Methodology and provides a reasonable assessment of the likely overall direction of impacts, there would be benefit from greater clarification being provided on the direction of the ‘Ins’ and ‘Outs’. The evidence supporting the estimated Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB) should be further strengthened so that it can be validated at final stage.</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	