

<b>Title:</b> The Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations 2015 <b>PIR No:</b> 2015/168 <b>Original IA/RPC No:</b> N/A <b>Lead department or agency:</b> Defra <b>Other departments or agencies:</b> N/A  Contact for enquiries: ozone@defra.gov.uk	<b>Post Implementation Review</b>
	<b>Date:</b> 05/10/2021
	<b>Type of regulation:</b> Domestic
	<b>Type of review:</b> Statutory
	<b>Date measure came into force:</b> 07/03/2015
	<b>Recommendation:</b> Keep
<b>RPC Opinion:</b> N/A	

**1. What were the policy objectives of the measure?** (Maximum 5 lines)

The objective of the Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations 2015 (the domestic ODS Regulations) was to consolidate two sets of regulations, which gave effect to provisions of the EU ODS Regulation (EC 1005/2009) (the EU ODS Regulation), whilst maintaining existing environmental protections. The consolidation was in response to a Red Tape Challenge commitment. There were no substantive changes except for minor updates to reflect the change of a name and to remove the reference to an organisation that no longer exists.

This review covers the period March 2015 to March 2020 when the whole of the UK operated under the directly applicable EU ODS Regulation. Since 1 January 2021, the Regulation applies in Great Britain as 'retained EU law' (the "GB ODS Regulation") and remains directly applicable in Northern Ireland.

**2. What evidence has informed the PIR?** (Maximum 5 lines)

An evaluation report by the European Commission on the EU ODS Regulation produced in November 2019. Given the low impact of the domestic ODS Regulations, to which this Post Implementation Review is relevant, additional evidence was not required.

**3. To what extent have the policy objectives been achieved?** (Maximum 5 lines)

The domestic ODS Regulations successfully consolidated two sets of regulations and continue to give effect to the GB ODS Regulation (and the EU ODS Regulation as it applies in NI directly), whilst maintaining environmental standards. The European Commission concluded that the EU ODS Regulation has been effective, highly relevant and efficient. The GB ODS Regulation (and the EU ODS Regulation as it applies in NI directly) continues to be fit for purpose, contributing to the recovery of the stratospheric ozone layer and reducing climate change. It also complies with the UN Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Sign-off for Post Implementation Review: Chief economist/Head of Analysis and Minister

***I have read the PIR and I am satisfied that it represents a fair and proportionate assessment of the impact of the measure.***

Signed: **Jo Churchill**

Date: 21/10/2021

## Further information sheet

Please provide additional evidence in subsequent sheets, as required.

### **4. What were the original assumptions?** (Maximum 5 lines)

No separate consultation exercise was conducted as the domestic ODS Regulations consolidated two sets of regulations with no change to the policy or impacts. No Impact Assessment was prepared for the domestic ODS Regulations as there was no substantive change to the impact of the consolidated sets of regulations on business, charities or voluntary bodies. Businesses were likely to benefit in terms of improved clarity and ease of access to the Regulations.

### **5. Were there any unintended consequences?** (Maximum 5 lines)

No evidence of any unintended consequences.

### **6. Has the evidence identified any opportunities for reducing the burden on business?** (Maximum 5 lines)

The domestic ODS Regulations did not lead to an increase in burden on regulators or businesses given they were not required to do anything different as a result of the consolidation in 2015.

### **7. For EU measures, how does the UK's implementation compare with that in other EU member states in terms of costs to business?** (Maximum 5 lines)

N/A - not required by review obligation.