



**THE HEALTH AND SAFETY (AMENDMENTS AND REVOCATION)
(EU EXIT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2020
(S.R.2020 No. 330)
Impact Assessment**

An Impact Assessment (IA) is a tool, which informs policy decisions. All NI Government Departments must comply with the impact assessment process when considering any new, or amendments to existing, policy proposals. Where regulations or alternative measures are introduced an IA should be used to make informed decisions. The IA is an assessment of the impact of policy options in terms of the costs, benefits and risks of the proposal. New regulations should only be introduced when other alternatives have been considered and rejected and where the benefits justify the costs.

The IA process is not specific to the Home Civil Service or the NI Civil Service. Many countries use a similar analysis to assess their proposed regulations and large organisations appraise their investment decisions in similar ways too.

The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland has considered the impacts of the policy and legislative proposals and has concluded that there is no requirement for an Impact Assessment as the Regulations have no or minimal impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies. There are also no policy changes with regards to these Regulations.

Please find enclosed a Note on Costs and Benefits with regards to the Health and Safety (Amendments and Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

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NOTE ON COSTS AND BENEFITS

1. I declare that the purpose of the Health and Safety (Amendments and Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (“the Northern Ireland Regulations”) is to:
 - a. revoke the Health and Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1377); and
 - b. introduce amendments to 11 sets of health and safety secondary legislation to ensure that existing protections and regulatory frameworks are maintained and continue to work in the same way following the UK’s withdrawal from the EU. The 11 sets of Regulations are as follows:-
 - i. the Offshore Installations and Pipeline Works Management and Administration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995;
 - ii. the Offshore Installations (Prevention of Fire and Explosion, and Emergency Response) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995;
 - iii. the Borehole Sites and Operations Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995;
 - iv. the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996;
 - v. the Offshore Installations and Wells (Design and Construction, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996;
 - vi. the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003;
 - vii. the Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010;
 - viii. the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
 - ix. the Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;
 - x. the Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016; and
 - xi. the Ionising Radiations Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.
2. There are no costs and benefits associated with the Northern Ireland Regulations as they do not make any policy changes but will ensure that the statute book operates properly.
3. A full Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for the Northern Ireland Regulations as they simply maintain the status quo.
4. I am satisfied that the Northern Ireland Regulations will have no impact on businesses, charities, social economy enterprises or voluntary bodies.

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Department for the Economy
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