**ANNEX A**

**Consultation Response Form**



**CONSULTEE DETAILS**

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Name (Optional):** |  | | **Organisation and job title (if applicable):** |  | |
| **Please provide details of your postal and/or email address if you wish to be advised of any outcome of the consultation.**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Postal address (Optional)** |  | | **Email address (Optional)** |  | |

I am responding: as an individual

on behalf of an organisation **(Please tick a box)**

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| **If replying as an individual, please indicate if you do not wish for your identity to be made public** | **Yes ⬜ No ⬜** |

**Whilst not essential, it would assist the Department in analysing responses if responding on behalf of an organisation you could provide details of who your organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.**

**PART A**

**Views are invited on the following questions.**

**Proposal 1 – Increase the use of comparable categories where it is appropriate to do so.**

**Q1. Do you agree with this proposed reform?**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜ Don’t know/no views ⬜**

**Q2. Do you have a preference for option 1, option 2 or option 3?**

**Option 1 ⬜ Option 2 ⬜ Option 3 ⬜**

**Q3. Do you have any comments on this proposed reform?**

**Proposal 2 – Introduce a renewal process to Part III, NIDT (Part IX, EDT).**

**Q4. Do you agree with this proposed reform?**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜ Don’t know/no views ⬜**

**Q5. Do you have a preference for option 1, option 2 or option 3?**

**Option 1 ⬜ Option 2 ⬜ Option 3 ⬜**

**Q6. Do you have any comments on this proposed reform?**

**Proposal 3 – Apply an Enhanced Assessment Process for products to be listed on Part III, NIDT (Part IX, EDT).**

**Q7. Do you agree with this proposed reform?**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜ Don’t know/no views ⬜**

**Q8. Do you have a preference for option 1, option 2 or option 3?**

**Option 1 ⬜ Option 2 ⬜ Option 3 ⬜**

**Q9. Do you have any comments on this proposed reform?**

**Any other comments**

**Q10. Please use this space to provide any further comments.**

**PART B- Equality and Human Rights**

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires departments in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity:

* between persons of different religious beliefs, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
* between men and women generally;
* between person with a disability and persons without; and
* between persons with dependents and persons without.

In addition, without prejudice to the above obligation, Departments should also, in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland, have due regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

In accordance with guidance produced by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland and in keeping with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Framework has been equality screened and a preliminary decision has been taken that a full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) is not required. Departments also have a statutory duty to ensure that their decisions and actions are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998 and to act in accordance with these rights.

**Q11. Do you consider that any of the proposals contained in this consultation document would have an adverse impact on any of the nine equality groups identified under Section 75 of the NI Act 1998? If yes, please state the group(s) and provide comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated in the proposals.**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜**

**Comments:**

**Q12. Are you aware of any indication or evidence – qualitative or quantitative – that the proposals set out in the consultation document may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity or on good relations?  If yes, please give details and comment on what you think should be added or removed to alleviate the adverse impact.**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜**

**Comments**

**Q13. Is there an opportunity to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations among any of the nine equality groups identified under Section 75 of the NI Act 1998? If yes, please give details and comment on how the Department could better promote equality of opportunity or good relations among the group or groups you have identified.**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜**

**Comments**

**Q14. Are there any aspects of the proposals where potential human rights violations may occur?**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜**

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| **Comments:** |

**Rural Impact**

The Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 places a duty on public authorities, including government departments, to have due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans and when designing and delivering public services.

**Q15. Are the actions/proposals set out in this consultation document likely to have an adverse impact on rural areas?**

**Yes ⬜ No ⬜**

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| **If yes, please provide comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated.** |

**Thank you for your comments**