

GUIDANCE - HOW TO SUBMIT A DRAFT REGULATION (FORM A)

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(FORM A (PDF VERSION))

This guidance is to assist departments completing the notification form.

The start of the form is shown below.



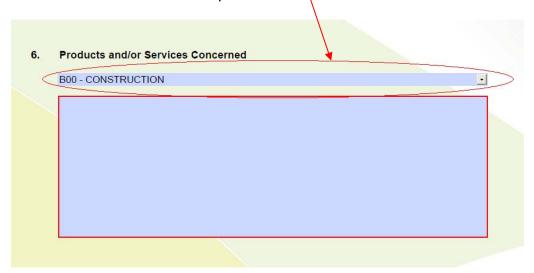
Ensure that the country and language are set to UK and English respectively.

Do not change 3A – that should read as shown below:



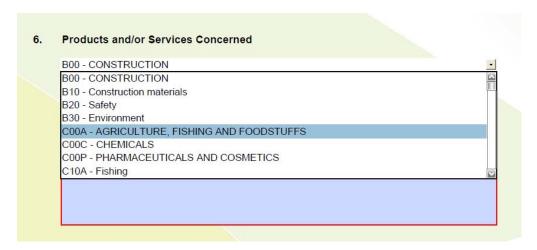
- **3B.** Insert name of the Department responsible for drawing up the draft regulation.
- **5.** Insert full title of draft regulation.

6. Indicate products and/or services covered by the draft technical regulation. To do this click on the drop down list \



....Then highlight the appropriate category.

Detail can be provided in the text box below:



7. If draft regulation is also notified under another Community Act, indicate the relevant Community legislation. The list of examples is not exhaustive.

7.	otification under another Community Act
	Regulation (EC) nº 315/93 on contaminants in food
	Regulations (EC) n° 852/853/854/2004 relating to the hygiene of foodstuffs
	Regulation (EC) nº 1924/2006 concerning nutrition and health claims made on foods
	Regulation (EC) no 1925/2006 concerning the addition of vitamins and minerals and certain other substances to foods
	Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste
	Directive 2000/13/EC on the labelling and presentation and advertising of foodstuffs
	Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market
	☐ 98/48/EC information society services only
	or specify provisions
	quantitative or territorial restrictions obligation to take a specific legal form
	requirements which relate to the shareholding of a company requirements which reserve access to particular providers
	a ban on having more than one establishment in the territory of the same State requirements fixing a minimum number of employees
	fixed tariffs with which the provider must comply obligation to supply other specific services

- **8.** Describe the main content of draft regulations summarise the content of the draft technical regulation. The length of the summary should be in keeping with the importance of the draft. It is important to include at least a few keywords to summarise the text in order to facilitate computer retrieval.
- **9.** Indicate the reasons and necessity (i.e. the grounds) for making the regulation. Do not repeat information already under other points in the notification message.

The draft measure must be forwarded with the notification, this part relates to other documents necessary for an understanding of the measure (basic texts). Note that consultation documents are not accepted as draft text.

10.	Reference Documents, Basic Texts
	☐ No Basic Text exists
	Limit the marketing or use of a chemical substance, preparation or product
	References of the Basic Texts
	Basic Texts have been forwarded within the framework of a previous notification Reference of previous notification(s)

If the draft aims in particular to limit the marketing or use of a chemical substance, preparation or product for reasons relating to public health, protection of the consumer or of the environment, Member States must also forward, under Article 8.1(4) of Directive 98/34/EC, either a summary or the references of pertinent data relating to the substance, preparation or product referred to and those relating to known and available substitute products, to the extent that such information is available, as well as the expected effects of the measure with regard to public health or protection of the consumer and the environment, with an analysis of the risks incurred, in appropriate cases, pursuant to the general principles of evaluating the risks of chemical products as referred to in Article 10.4 of Regulation (EEC) 793/93 if it concerns an existing substance or to Article 3.2 of Directive 67/548/EEC (as amended by Directive 92/32/EEC) if it concerns a new substance.

- **12.** If the emergency procedure is used then a precise and detailed justification of the grounds in support of the emergency of the measures in question, pursuant to Article 9.7 of the Directive, **must** be provided.
- **13.** Notifications are normally <u>not</u> confidential but if required pursuant to Article 8.4 of the Directive, the reasons in support of your request **must** be stipulated.
- **14.** If the measure is considered as a fiscal measure ie a <u>solely</u> fiscal measure in accordance with Article 1.11 of the Directive.
- **15.** If no Impact Assessment is available, state "Impact Assessment not available", note that internet links are not accepted.

16. TBT aspect: Indicate whether the draft will be notified within the framework of the TBT Agreement (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade - http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/17-tbt_e.htm). If you indicate yes, you must separately send an appropriate notification under the TBT Agreement via the UK TBT contact point - currently marilyn.swain@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

16.	TBT and SPS aspects
	TBT aspect
	Yes
	No - The draft is not a technical regulation nor a conformity assessment
	No - The draft is in conformity with an international standard
	No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade
	SPS aspect
	Yes
	No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure
	No – Content is the same as that of an international standard, directive or recommendation
	No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

<u>SPS aspect</u>: Indicate whether the draft will be notified within the framework of the Agreement on SPS (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures - http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/sps_e.htm). If you indicate yes, you must separately send an appropriate notification under the SPS Agreement via the SPS contact point, currently Katherine.quinteros@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Points to note:

- Some notified draft regulations will require a provision for the recognition of equivalent standards and testing in other Member States.
- Departments should make their own arrangements to comply with this requirement of the Directive:

<u>Article 12</u> of the Directive states: "When Member States adopt a technical regulation, it shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of its official publication. The method of making such reference should be laid down by Member States".

Departments are advised that it would be preferable to include a

reference to the Directive in the instrument itself (such as the Explanatory Note to the Regulations). The following is an example of a form of words used:

"These regulations were notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Directive 98/34/EC, as amended by Directive 98/48/EC.

If this is <u>not</u> possible, Departments should include the following words at point 8 of this notification form:

"The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published"

Send by email attaching the draft measure and any necessary background documents to:

Email: 9834@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Tel: 020 7215 5440

PLEASE make sure you send us the final text when the measure is adopted, or tell us if you have decided not to proceed to make the measure.