

## 1. Framework ownership

- Framework name: Fertilisers Framework
- Responsible portfolio Minister: Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
- Framework lead policy team: Debbie Kessell and Allan McIvor
- Committees that the framework is being actively shared with:
  - Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee (as the lead committee)
  - Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (for subject interest)
  - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee (for wider Frameworks programme interests).

## 2. Points for the Parliamentary committees to note

### a. Procedural

- Date of ministerial sign-off of the provisional framework: The published version of the provisional framework was agreed by UK portfolio Ministers in January 2022.

### b. Content

- Purpose of the framework:

The Fertilisers Common Framework provides a method to manage divergence within the UK now that we have left the EU, and the governance and decision-making processes required for effective joint-working and implementation.

- Relevant legislation:

New EU Regulation 2019/1009 on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products (the FPR), which has a staggered application in GB, will replace Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 in the EU once it fully applies in July 2022. This will introduce a new conformity assessment regulatory regime for EU fertilising products, which will regulate a broader range of materials than are currently regulated as EC fertilisers also bringing contaminant limits on particular fertilisers into scope within the EU.

Some articles of the FPR applied before the end of the Transition Period and action was taken to implement those articles in GB where required by

way of the Fertilising Products Regulations 2020 Under the terms of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, the FPR will fully apply in Northern Ireland from July 2022, alongside domestic fertiliser legislation. This major shift in fertiliser regulations will result in significant change to UK wide policy work over the coming years.

- Significant differences between the provisional framework and phase 3 summary:

None

- Stakeholder engagement:

Stakeholder engagement took place in January 2021, with information and 3 consultation questions on the rationale, scope and asking for additional comments.

This was sent to our main stakeholders – National Farmers Union for Scotland (NFUS) and the Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC), Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO).

No responses were received.