

## DEFRA Technical stakeholder engagement UK Common Framework

### Overview

<i>General Comments</i>
<p>Scottish Water is a publicly owned business, answerable to the Scottish Parliament and the people of Scotland. Scottish Water provides water and wastewater services to households across Scotland and runs Scotland's network of pipes, water sources and treatment works. <a href="http://www.scottishwater.co.uk">www.scottishwater.co.uk</a></p>

### Detailed Response

<b>Specific Comments</b>
<p>Under the EU Water Framework Directive, Scottish Water has a Prescribed Concentration Value for pesticides in final water as it is a public health risk. We have specific catchments where pesticides are an issue and we regularly detect pesticides in final water. There are pesticide users, outside of domestic agricultural units, that work pan UK so we therefore welcome a pan UK common framework to help govern the regulation of pesticides.</p>

<b>1</b>	<b>Do you agree with the rationale for a Common Framework for chemicals and pesticides?</b>
<p>Scottish Water welcomes the development of a Common Framework to govern chemicals and pesticides and agrees with the rationale of recognising where divergence may exist between devolved parts of the UK.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Do you agree the scope we have set out for this Framework, and the exclusions?</b>
<p>The scope covers the common governance of pesticides and chemical including the regulation of PPPs and other chemicals that may have an impact on public water supplies. Scottish Water therefore agrees with the scope.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Do you agree with the interdependencies identified?</b>
<p>Scottish Water regularly deals with cross border or pan UK agencies and practitioners in chemical and pesticide use; therefore, we welcome recognition of the identified interdependencies.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Do you have any specific areas of concern with the proposals?</b>
<p>Scottish Water cannot identify any areas of concern with the proposals and welcome the collaborative approach to developing the Common Framework.</p>	

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