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<b>Attachments</b>	<p>Annex 1: Draft Regulatory Analysis Summary for illustrative purposes only - Addressing unnecessary regulatory burden on the hemp sector</p> <p>Annex 2: Draft Consistency Accountability Statement for illustrative purposes only - Addressing unnecessary regulatory burden on the hemp sector</p> <p>Annex 3: Draft Summary of underpinning analysis for illustrative purposes only - Addressing unnecessary regulatory burden on the hemp sector</p>		

### Action sought

Required from	Action
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#### Minister's office to complete

- Noted
  Needs change  
 For discussion
  No further action

#### Comments

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### Purpose

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This memo provides you with illustrative examples of the draft templates developed to support the implementation of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025 (the Act), using the industrial hemp (iHemp) work recently undertaken by the Ministry for Regulation.

### Background

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1. We provided draft Regulatory Analysis Summary (RAS), Consistency Accountability Statement (CAS) and summary of underpinning analysis templates to the Minister in our advice on 30 October 2025 (MFR2025-268). You requested we provide worked examples of the templates to show how these might look when completed.
2. Using the industrial hemp (iHemp) work as an example, we have prepared illustrative examples of the analysis required by the draft RAS, CAS and summary of underpinning analysis templates, at **annexes 1, 2 and 3**. The examples are for illustrative purposes only, using draft versions of the templates and in advance of section 26 guidance setting out expectations around how to apply the principles, and how to review consistency. [**LEGALLY PRIVILEGED:** s 9(2)(h)   
   
   
   
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### Process and limitations

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3. The RAS, CAS and summary of underpinning analysis templates were completed using the following reference material:
  - the Regulatory Standards Act
  - current positions in draft section 26 guidance
  - Cabinet paper: *Addressing unnecessary regulatory burden on the hemp sector* (EXP-25-SUB-0099)
  - Regulatory Impact Statement: *Review the Misuse of Drugs (Industrial Hemp) Regulations 2006*
4. The process had some limitations:
  - there is no drafted legislation for iHemp as the process is still in train, and so some analysis is entirely hypothetical, based on a scenario where regulations to replace industrial hemp licensing requirements have been drafted



- the section 26 guidance used to complete the CAS and summary of underpinning analysis templates was an early draft, and has now been updated based on feedback from Parliamentary Counsel Office and the Crown Law Office.

## Improvements to the templates

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5. In the process of developing the illustrative examples, we identified several ways to improve the templates. These include to:
  - streamline and reduce some residual duplication in the RAS template
  - ensure best flow of information from the RAS to the CAS and summary of underpinning analysis
  - develop and refine in-template guidance to clarify information being sought in the different sections.
6. We also provided the draft RAS, CAS and summary of underpinning analysis templates to agencies for consultation on 19 December. Agencies provided feedback on the usability of the templates, which we will incorporate into the final drafts of the templates.

## Next steps

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7. We will update the draft RAS, CAS and summary of underpinning analysis templates for proposed and existing legislation. We intend to provide final drafts of the CAS templates with the section 26 guidance, and the RAS and summary of underpinning analysis templates in February.

## Attachments

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8. Attached are the following documents:
  - Annex 1: Draft Regulatory Analysis Summary for illustrative purposes only: Addressing unnecessary regulatory burden on the hemp sector
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