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In the RIS , the policy objective of the action is identified as: ' To minimise risks to poultry welfare; and to reduce both industry uncertainty and excess regulatory burden in a way that is practical for implementation and industry compliance'. The main criterion for evaluating the proposed standards and the feasible alternatives is net benefit for the community.

The most effective way to achieve this objective is to legislate the existing Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals (Domestic Poultry) as a mandatory standard rather a voluntary code. This action would achieve the claimed objectives of the new welfare regulations. As the code is widely accepted by the industry there is no additional cost to industry.

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