

Assessment that there are no grounds for conducting an impact assessment in response to the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning's proposal for amendment to the Board's Regulations (2024:2) on comprehensive plans

Decision

In accordance with Section 4, second paragraph, of the Ordinance (2024:183) on impact assessments (the Impact Assessment Ordinance), the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning decides that the proposal for the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning's Regulations (2024:2) on comprehensive plans does not require an impact assessment to be conducted.

Statement of grounds

The proposal for amendment of the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning's Regulations (2024:2) on comprehensive plans is based on proposals for amendment of the Planning and Building Act (2010:900), PBL. On 22 May 2025, the Government submitted the bill 'A new regulatory framework for building permits' (Bill 2024/25:169) to the Riksdag. The legislative amendments set out in the bill are proposed to enter into force on 1 December 2025.

Authorisation to make amendments to the Regulations on comprehensive plans follows from Chapter 10, Section 31 of the Planning and Building Ordinance (2011:338).

Provisions

Under Section 4, second paragraph, of the Impact Assessment Ordinance, an authority may, in cases other than those referred to in the first paragraph of the provision, adopt regulations or general advice without conducting an impact assessment, if the authority considers that there is no reason to conduct such an assessment. Such an assessment shall be documented and the reasons for the assessment shall be stated.

Reasons for the decision

The Government proposes an amendment to Chapter 3, Section 5 of the PBL. The amendment consists of a new paragraph 4, an addition concerning the content of a comprehensive plan. The proposal is worded as follows. The comprehensive plan shall also include particularly valuable construction works, public spaces and built environment areas as referred to in Chapter 8, Section 13, as well as the municipality's view of the considerations required to preserve these special values. Since the proposal means that there will be

additional requirements regarding

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what a comprehensive plan should contain, the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning's Regulations (2024:2) on comprehensive plans need to be amended accordingly. This is proposed to be done by means of an addition, a new **Table 9**, in **Section 5** of the Regulations. The amendment to the Regulations is a consequential amendment directly linked to the amendment of Chapter 3, Section 5 of the PBL.

At the same time as the current amendment to the Regulations on comprehensive plans, the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning also wishes to make some amendments of an **editorial nature**. This essentially involves amending an incorrect paragraph reference and linguistic adjustments, for example clarifying the description for the identification of railways in Table 2.

In the light of the above, the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning finds that the proposal for the Board's Regulations amending the National Board of Housing, Building and Planning's Regulations (2024:2) on comprehensive plans does not entail the need to conduct an impact assessment under Section 4 of the Impact Assessment Ordinance.

In this case, the Deputy Chief Legal Officer Anette Martinsson has taken the decision and signed it electronically. The rapporteur was lawyer Amelie Fasth. The Head of Unit Sonia Andersson, the Built Environment Conservationist Anette Johansson and the Planning Architect Anna Ekman have also participated in the final processing.

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