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QUESTION No.: AI-17

Can you list all types of R&D currently being undertaken and eligible under the current scheme that will be ineligible under the new Exposure Bill?

Why has the Department determined that the type of R&D identified in the above question is not worthy of inclusion under the new Exposure Bill

ANSWER

Core R&D activities that involve only innovation or only high levels of technical risk will no longer be eligible. Supporting activities that are not for the dominant purpose of undertaking the core R&D will also no longer be eligible.

The Department believes that genuine R&D should have both elements of innovation and high technical risk, which is broadly consistent with the OECD Frascati manual and international experience in some advanced countries.