

UK Perspective on Controlling Regulatory Expenditures

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1. Strategies for controlling regulatory expenditure

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- **Strategies for managing domestic regulation**
 - ‘One-in, One-out’ Rule (flow)
 - ‘Red Tape Challenge’ (stock)
 - Moratorium on new domestic regulation for micro businesses & start-ups (flow)
 - Sunsetting regulations (stock)

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2. Targeting Reductions in regulatory expenditure in particular areas



- General regulatory remit = Less regulation, better regulation and regulation as a last resort
- OIOO = Focus on burdens on business and civil society organisations
- Micro-moratorium = focus on micro business and start-ups
- RTC = focus on themes e.g. Retail, Employment and Environment



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3. Out of scope of OIOO



- Regulation that does not impact on business or civil society organisations
- European Union Regulations, Decisions and Directives
- international agreements and obligations
- tax & tax administration and environmental tax
- civil emergencies regulation
- spending decisions
- specific enforcement action
- Fines, penalties, fees and charges
- contractual obligations
- court or tribunal cases



Framework Review due in Autumn 2012

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4. How to counter “gaming the system”?



- Strict clearance process for policies
 - Guideline on when you need an IA
 - Guidelines on how to complete IA
 - Peer Review Groups within depts
 - Validation by the independent Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC) (fit-for-purpose IA)
 - Checklist for obtaining clearance from Reducing Regulation Cabinet Sub-Committee (RRC)



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5. Political support and communicating with stakeholders



- Internal: OIOO – extensive communication with policy officials, analysts and lawyers across depts
- Public: Statement of New Regulation – publicity on publication date (Common Commencement Dates)
- Public: RTC – crowd-sourcing through website, and
- Micro-moratorium – agreed in Budget 2011



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6. Useful links



OIOO & IA Methodologies:

<http://www.bis.gov.uk/bre>

Red Tape Challenge:

<http://www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/home/index/>

Green Book:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/data_greenbook_index.htm

