



Ministry of Economic Affairs,  
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# Regulatory reform and Business inspections

Dutch approach

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## Outline

- Regulatory reform for economic growth
- Reducing regulatory burden
- Political issues concerning business inspections
- More focus on “prevention”
- Case: The “Company Dossier”
- Challenges new cabinet



# Regulatory reform for economic growth



Logistics, Agrofood, Water, Entertainment, Agriculture

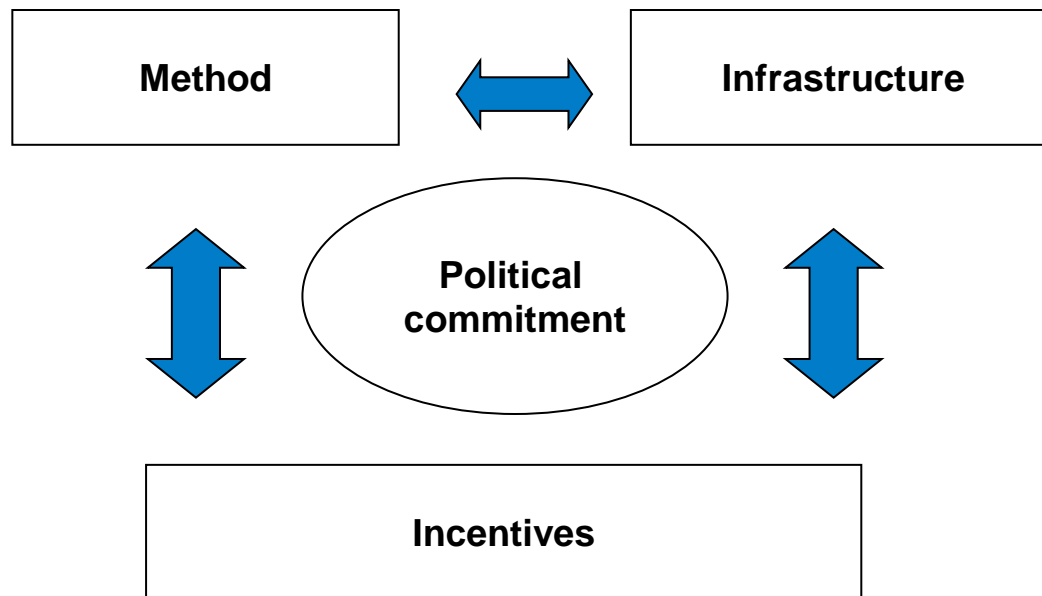


## Reducing regulatory burden

- Ministry of Economical affairs, Agriculture and Innovation
- Focus on regulatory burden
- Use of smart IT
- Quantitative and qualitative targets:
  1. Net reduction administrative burden (incl. inspections)
  2. Reduction of compliance costs
  3. Preventing new regulatory burden (IA)
  4. Better public service
  5. Risk based and effective business inspections



# Reducing regulatory burden





# Political issues concerning inspections

## “One inspectorate”

- Inspections should be working as if they are one inspection authority
- Intensified cooperation, better use of available information

## Reduction of administrative burden for businesses

- -25% target

## “Inspection holiday” for businesses

- Frequency cap on business inspections
- “Good performing” are “rewarded with less inspections (max. 2 annually)
- focus more on “bad performing” businesses



## More focus on “prevention”

- Impact assessment (IA): compliance must be simple; flexible for innovation
- Perspective: make business sector self responsible
- Supervisors: use expertise of business sector and make use of signals of the public/consumers
- Put more trust in companies with track record of accountability
- Improve data and information sharing (case)
- Joint approach, tailor made



## Case: The Company Dossier

- Guidance of rules, shows what should be done to comply
- Digital exchange of information between companies and government
- The company is owner
- Multiple use of up-to-date information by national and local authorities (and private-organizations)
- Less inspections, more transparency, cost-efficient.
- Started 2011 in three domains (leisure, rubber/plastics, catering)





## Challenges for new cabinet

- Translation of political wishes into policy and keeping balance between supervision and economic growth.
- Company Dossier shows us that cooperation between business sector and government offers new opportunities to reduce burden and improve compliance