

DECC Statement of New Regulation, July-December 2011

The publication of the Second Statement of New Regulation shows that DECC is committed to reducing the burden of regulation on business and society, without compromising our ability to meet our hugely important goals.

Some examples of where DECC has recently reduced the burden of regulation include:

- Raising the threshold for energy supplier participation in the [Carbon Emission Reduction Target](#) (CERT) and the [Community Energy Saving Programme](#) (CESP). This will bring about significant benefits for smaller suppliers, fostering competition which will in turn will foster innovation and help to lower prices for both household and business consumers
- Simplifying the exemption orders regime for users of radioactive substances which present a very low risk to people and the environment. As confirmed by the independent Regulatory Policy Committee, this will bring more than £1m annual savings to businesses in the UK.
- Reforming current legislation on third party access to upstream petroleum infrastructure. The current regime is both piecemeal and inconsistent, so these changes will facilitate timely development of oil and gas resources.

Measures on the Statement are fully compliant with the [one-in, one-out](#) rule, under which no new legislation which imposes costs on business can be brought in without the identification of existing regulations with an equivalent value that can be removed.

See the [Statement in full](#) for details of all regulations due to come into force before 31 December 2011. The Better Regulation Executive [webpages](#) also present an overview of the cross-Government picture.

In 2012 and beyond, DECC will continue to pursue opportunities for burden reduction by further simplifying the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme, by repealing obsolete regulations, and through full engagement with the [Red Tape Challenge](#). While more regulation will be needed in the future in order to meet our extremely ambitious Climate Change and energy targets, we will seek to introduce this regulation in a “smart” way, that encourages competition and innovation, and that realises benefits for the environment, society and the economy as a whole.

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Impact Assessment Number	Title of the Measure	Purpose of the Measure	Date the measure is due to come in force	Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business (£m,2009)	Impact Assessment Link
Ins					
DECC0030	EU Third package - licence modification appeals	To introduce an appeals process for licence modification decisions in order to implement requirements of the EU Third Package	Aug-11	0.02	http://www.decc.gov.uk/assets/decc/Consultations/eu-third-package/1161-ia-third-package-licence-mods.pdf
Zero net cost					
DECC0056	Extending Compulsory Purchase Powers to change of use of pipelines to CO2 transport	To allow Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) developers to use existing pipelines to transport carbon dioxide	Sep-11	0.0	http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/about/ec_social_res/annex_table/annex_table.aspx
Outs					

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DECC0019	Third Party access to upstream petroleum infrastructure	To simplify current legislation which is both piecemeal and inconsistent. This will reduce inefficiencies, potentially allowing increased recovery of oil and gas.	Sep-11	-1.0	http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/about/ec_social_res/annex_table/annex_table.aspx
DECC0011	Repeal of 18 Exemption Orders for low risk use of radioactive substances	To create a simpler, less burdensome exemptions regime for low risk users of radioactive substances.	Oct-11	-1.1	http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/about/ec_social_res/annex_table/annex_table.aspx
DECC0048	Raising the threshold for energy supplier participation in social and environmental programmes	To reduce a potential barrier to growth for small energy suppliers and to improve competition in energy supply markets by raising the customer account threshold for participation in a number of social and environmental programmes.	Oct-11	-0.38	http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/about/ec_social_res/annex_table/annex_table.aspx

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DECC0020	Introduction of a Special Administration Regime	To put in place arrangements to ensure that if a large energy supplier became insolvent, any impact on customer supply and industry systems would be minimised, to maintain market stability and customer confidence	Sep-11	-0.01	http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/about/ec_social_res/annex_table/annex_table.aspx