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Fourth Statement of New Regulation

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Ministerial Foreword

The Government wants to make the UK a better place to do business. That is why I am pleased that DCLG is yet again reducing the overall burden of regulation on businesses by £0.3 million in this Statement of New Regulation period. This Statement brings DCLG's 'One-in, One-out', balance to an £4.79 million OUT. This means that the deregulatory measures included in the four Statements of New Regulation will lead to cost savings to businesses of £4.79 million per annum.

Minimising regulatory burdens and creating the conditions for businesses to flourish is a priority for this Government. Regulation should be the last resort, and our efforts to make life easier for businesses will not stop here. We are also busy analysing the responses to the Red Tape Challenge of the Housing and Construction theme and expect to bring forward deregulatory proposals from this in the fifth and sixth Statements of New Regulation.

In addition to further reducing regulatory burdens, we are bringing forward important changes to incentivise business through our Housing Strategy (Laying the Foundations: a housing strategy for England). This will deliver homes and strengthen the economy. Following the recent consultation on the review of the Building Regulations we will be bringing forward important deregulatory changes.

The Government wants to make the UK the best place in Europe to start, finance and grow a business by cutting the costs and burden of regulation. The Statement of New Regulation, combined with other measures that form part of this Government's strategy for reducing regulation, will reduce Whitehall's tendency to regulate and give businesses clarity about all new regulations being introduced.

Our assault on burdensome regulation reflects the core values of this Government – personal responsibility, individual freedom, support for risk takers and job creators, and trust in people to make common sense decisions.



The Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP
Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Table of measures

Impact Assessment number	Title of measure	Purpose of measure	Date the measure is due to come into force	Equivalent annual net cost to Business (£m, 2009)	Impact Assessment link
INS					
N/A					

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OUTS					
DCLG 0081#	Liberalise the consent regime for displaying flags	This measure will streamline the planning regulations to cut bureaucracy to make it easier for people to fly flags. It will allow a wider range of flags to be flown without having to obtain the express consent of the local planning authority.	October 2012	£0.00	Not yet published
DCLG 12015	Extending existing permitted development rights for change of use of space above shops into residential use.	This measure allows better use of existing buildings to provide more homes. It will remove obstacles to make better use of empty and underused parts of shop buildings providing a suitable residential accommodation. This measure will extend permitted development rights to allow for two flats to be created above a shop without the need for a planning application.	October 2012	£0.3	Not yet published
<p><i>#The Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business figures for these deregulatory measures are still to be finalised and have therefore been treated as '£0.00' in this Statement. Final figures will be provided in the fifth Statement of New Regulation</i></p>					

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Zero Net Cost					
DCLG0085#	Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) Order 2012	This Order is necessary to implement the homelessness measures in the Localism Act, which received Royal Assent in November 2011. This is a voluntary power which allows local authorities to make greater use of suitable private rented sector accommodation to end the main homelessness duty. This measure provides local authorities with greater flexibility to manage homelessness pressures and creates a new lettings market that landlords may choose to access.	October 2012	£0.00	Not yet published
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