



Home Office

Home Office commitment to review regulations

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Why does the Home Office regulate?

The Home Office is the lead government department for immigration and passports, drugs policy, counter-terrorism and, in England and Wales for crime policy and the police.

The Department works to keep the public safe and secure. Its four Coalition Government priorities are to:

1. cut crime;
2. reduce immigration;
3. prevent terrorism; and
4. promote growth in the UK economy.

The Home Office seeks to achieve these objectives through a range of activities, for instance, ensuring the effective enforcement of existing legislation, or raising public awareness of specific issues through information campaigns. Sometimes regulation is the best, or only, means available to tackle issues of national concern, such as crime prevention. The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, designed to prevent the economic and social problems caused by the theft of metal, from railway lines to church roofs, is a good example of this.

Why review our regulations?

The Home Office is determined to minimise the burden of regulation on UK business and to support growth in the economy. The Home Office considers that it is important to review regulations that impact on business both to ensure that the legislation remains necessary and proportionate, and that it is achieving the effects that were originally intended.

The Home Office commitment to reviewing regulation comes in two forms: statutory review commitments embedded within the legislation itself; and commitments to review in the Impact Assessments accompanying regulations.

Home Office review commitments

As at June 2014 the Home Office is committed to reviewing the following primary and secondary legislation, set out below.

Legislation	Review by	Form of review commitment
Police Reform (Social Responsibility) Act 2011	30 January 2017	Statutory review of sections 103 to 123 of the Act
Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013	30 September 2018	Statutory
Late Night Levy (Application and Administration) Regulations	30 June 2017	Impact Assessment 2012 No.407
Late Night Levy (Expenses, Exemptions and Reductions) Regulations	30 June 2017	Impact Assessment 2012 No.393

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Licensing Act 2003 (Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Orders) Regulations	30 June 2017	Impact Assessment 2012 No.394
Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2012	31 October 2017	Impact Assessment 2012 No.323

In addition to the above regulations, the Home Office is responsible for a number of regulations that set fees, such as immigration fees or fees for criminal record checks. These regulations are usually reviewed annually in line with HM Treasury guidance.