

Third statement of new regulation (SNR3)

Measures coming into force between 1 January and 30 June 2012





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Ministerial Foreword

Minimising regulatory burdens and creating the conditions for businesses to flourish is a priority for this Government. That is why I am pleased that DCLG is yet again reducing the overall burden of regulation on businesses by £0.26m in this Statement of New Regulation period. This brings the Department's total reductions over the three Statements of New Regulations to £4.52m.

In addition to further reducing regulatory burdens, we are bringing forward important changes in the form of neighbourhood development orders and Community Right to Build orders, introduced as part of the Localism Act. These will automatically grant planning permission for development proposals within the scope of the order, resulting in estimated benefits to businesses of £14m per year. This Statement also shows that we are making targeted changes that will help businesses and Local Authorities on the ground, such as our plans to simplify the re-licensing process for Homes in Multiple Occupation to reduce time and costs.

Our efforts to make life easier for businesses will not stop here. The Department is currently consulting on a package of changes to the Building Regulations which we expect to deliver significant savings to developers and homeowners. 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 fourth and fifth Statements of New Regulation.

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

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| INs | | | | | |
| DCLG 12007* | Improving Social Housing Mobility | The Government has introduced HomeSwap Direct, a national home swap scheme, to ensure that social tenants wishing to move can maximise their chances of securing a suitable match. The measure will require social landlords to subscribe to a mutual exchange service which participates in HomeSwap Direct. | Apr-12 | £0.03 | Not yet published |
| * The Equivalent Annual Net Cost to Business figure for this regulatory measure is still to be finalised. A final figure that has been validated by the Regulatory Policy Committee will be provided in the fourth Statement of New Regulation. | | | | | |
| OUTs | | | | | |
| DCLG 0067# | Reform of Social Housing Regulation | Re-focusing consumer regulation on setting clear service standards and intervening only to address serious failures (with changes to legislation to end routine monitoring and inspection). In place of proactive national regulation, there will be greater emphasis on landlord accountability to tenants. | Apr-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published |

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| DCLG 12008# | Simplifying the Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Re-licensing Process | Whilst retaining the existing mandatory HMO licensing provisions in the Housing Act 2004, this measure simplifies the re-licensing process for HMOs. | Apr-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published |
| DCLG 12009# | Changes to The Time Limits for Renegotiation of Section 106 (S106) Planning Obligations. | To use secondary powers to reduce the length of time before developers can formally request renegotiation of planning obligations which predate April 2010. The intention is to unlock stalled developments (currently there are 1600 developments of over 10 housing units that are stalled). | Jun-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published |

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| CLG5013 | Permitted Development Rights for Installations of Microgeneration Equipment on Non- domestic Premises | This measure will allow microgeneration technologies which meet certain criteria to be installed in non-domestic premises without the need for planning permission from the Local Authority. It will remove the disincentive of having to obtain planning permission, which in turn should encourage take up of these technologies. This will assist in meeting the Government's renewable/low carbon energy targets. | Apr-12 | -£0.26 | Not yet published | |
| # 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 fourth Statement of New Regulation. | | | | | | |
| Zero Net Cost | | | | | | |
| CLG0085* | Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) Order 2012 | The Suitability Order will set out circumstances in which private rented sector accommodation used to end the main homelessness duty (under s193(7F)) is not to be regarded as suitable. | May-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published | |

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| DCLG0047 | Community Right to Bid (Assets of Community Value) | The regulation has two parts: A) to require Local Authorities to maintain a list of assets of community value; B) to enable an interested eligible community group to trigger a moratorium of 6 months in the disposal of a listed asset. The regulations will set out the land excluded from listing, the process for listing, exempt sales, compensation and enforcement arrangements. | Apr-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published |
| CLG5011 | Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 | This measure uses powers under the Planning Act 2008 to bring in new regulations to simplify the complex system around Tree Preservation Orders (the means by which Local Authorities protect trees in the interests of amenity). | Apr-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published |
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| DCLG 0061* | Neighbourhood Plans and Community Right to Build | The Localism Act introduces a new right for communities to come together to draw up a neighbourhood development plan or neighbourhood development order or a Community Right to Build Order. This will empower local communities to take responsibility for the development of detailed planning policy for their neighbourhood and, where communities wish to bring forward small scale development themselves, to give them a Community Right to Build. | Apr-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published |
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| DCLG 12006* | Tenure Reform | Currently, Private Registered Providers of Social Housing are effectively required to offer 'lifetime' tenancies to the vast majority of new tenants entering general needs social housing. This measure will give providers much greater flexibility, enabling them to offer lifetime security where it is needed but also to set shorter terms where this makes more sense. Providers will be required to have regard to statutory Local Authority tenancy strategies when formulating their own tenancy policies. | Apr-12 | £0.00 | Not yet published | |

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