Regulatory Policy Committee	Validation of the One-in, Two-out Status and the Net Direct Impact on Business	
Validation Impact Assessment	Vehicle Driver (Certificate of	
(IA)	Professional Competence) Regulations	
	 additional exemptions 	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Transport	
IA Number	DFT 00226	
Origin	Domestic	
Expected date of implementation	1 September 2013 (SNR 6)	
(and SNR number)		
Date of Regulatory Triage	Red Tape Challenge	
Confirmation		
Date submitted to RPC	07/08/2013	
Date of RPC Validation	21/08/2013	
RPC reference	RPC13-DFT-FT-1844	
Departmental Assessment		
One-in, Two-out status	OUT	
Estimate of the Equivalent	£-23.94m	
Annual Net Cost to Business (EANCB)		

RPC assessment

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Background (extracts from IA)

What is the problem under consideration? Why is government intervention necessary?

Most drivers of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV - lorry) and Public Service Vehicles (PSV – buses and coaches) are required under EU legislation (Directive 2003/59/EC) to undertake 35 hours of periodic training every five years to hold a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC). Drivers entering the industry must also obtain an initial qualification. As there is no evidence to suggest that making drivers who drive vehicles as an incidental part of their job obtain a Driver CPC yields any improvements to road safety, there are clear benefits associated with removing these burdensome requirements. Government intervention is necessary because these requirements are regulated by Government.

What are the policy objectives and the intended effects?

The objective is to remove unecessary burdens on those that drive lorries, buses and coaches as an incidental part of a job otherwise unconnected with driving by removing the requirement to obtain a CPC. This proposal would reduce the regulatory burden on these groups and their employers and fit with the approach taken by other EU member states. Such drivers would still need to have the correct driving entitlement on their driving licence for the class of vehicle they are driving, ensuring road safety standards are maintained.

RPC comments

This is a deregulatory measure which benefits businesses through exemption granted to those that drive lorries, buses and coaches only as an incidental part of a job from the requirement to obtain a CPC. The savings arise from businesses not having to pay for the training or incurring the time cost associated with undertaking training (including travel time).

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