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Reviewing Regulation: DCLG Commitments

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Reviewing Regulation

Why review regulation?

It is government policy to use review and evaluation of business regulation to minimise burdens on firms and to ensure that the regulatory environment remains efficient and fit for purpose. This document lists reviews that are intended to be undertaken by the Department of Communities and Local Government in the next few years.

Reviews will typically take one of two forms:

1. **Statutory:** where the department has made a commitment in primary or secondary legislation to undertake a review.
2. **Non-statutory:** where there is no statutory commitment to review, but the department has indicated, in an Impact Assessment for example, that a review would be undertaken.

Review commitments

As of January 2015 DCLG has seven statutory reviews covering the period since 2011: four have been completed, one review is currently underway, one is still to be completed and one has been withdrawn. Additionally, it is expected that a further 11 non-statutory reviews of regulatory policies will take place in the next three years. These are as follows:

Table 1: Statutory reviews

Year	Impact Assessment Number	Title of Measure	Domestic/ EU	Status of Review
2011	2055	The Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011	Domestic	The regulations were considered as part of the 2014 Review of the Major Infrastructure Planning Regime. In light of responses to that review, the government consulted in the summer of 2014 on possible changes to simplify the procedures set out in the regulations. Amendments to the regulations are currently being prepared.

2011	2452	The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011	EU	This regulation was revoked by Statutory Instrument 2012/3118 The Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) Regulations 2012, Schedule 3.
2011	2741	The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2011	EU	The 2014 Review of Major Infrastructure Planning provided an opportunity for business to raise issues on these regulations. No issues were raised. No further review is planned prior to new regulations that will be required when the new EU directive comes into effect in 2017.
2011	1824	The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011	EU	Elements of the thresholds are currently being reviewed. New directives will come into force in 2017 that will necessitate a rewriting of the regulations.
2012	637	The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012	Domestic	A light-touch review has been undertaken. Any full scale review will be linked to the requirements of the primary legislation.
2012	3118	The Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) Regulations 2012	EU	A light-touch review will be undertaken of actions over the last 12 months, and a full scale review will be undertaken in 2016.
2013	1387	The Construction Products Regulations 2013	EU	These regulations set out UK compliance and enforcement duties and powers in relation to the EU Construction Products Regulation. An initial implementation review of the EU legislation in the UK has commenced. The findings will be shared with the European Commission, who report to the European Parliament and Council in April 2016. The Commission report is expected to include proposals for changes to the EU legislation and the review of this regulation would wait until these are known, unless anything is identified in the implementation review that suggests otherwise.

Table 2: Non statutory reviews

Year	IA Number	Title of Measure	Domestic/ EU	Proposed date of review
2011	476	The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2012	EU	December 2016
2011	450	The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Rate Relief) (England) Order 2012	Domestic	January 2015
2012	2601	Homelessness (Suitability of Accommodation) (England) Order 2012	Domestic	November 2017
2012	605	Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012	Domestic	2017
2013	1959	Proposed Changes to Part L of the Building Regulations 2013	Domestic	2015
2014	2359	The Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work and Property Management Work	Domestic	November 2015
2013	1028	The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) (Amendment) Regulations 2013	Domestic	April 2018
2013		The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 (Commencement) (England) Order 2013	Domestic	Aug 2018
2013	76	Changes to Parts A and C of the Building Regulations - Referencing of British Standards Based on Eurocodes	EU	October 2018
2011	77	Revision of building regulation policy on radon	Domestic	April 2017
2014		Right to Buy reduction from 5 to 3 years	Domestic	March 2015