

Simplifying the Regulatory Burden

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How the SBTAF was asked to help

- Invited to provide specific examples of health and safety legislation that their members regard as being particularly burdensome or irritating.
- Asked to include record-keeping, form filling and ideas for data sharing.
- So far we have had responses from four organisations offering suggestions on simplification and one stating the case for little or no simplification.

What's been suggested...

- Removal of unnecessary legislation, e.g. WT Directive, DSE Regulations.
- HSE to create a list of all current health and safety legislation – what there is and roughly what it's about.
- Providing information/data required by more than one department/agency only once.

What's been suggested...

- Regulations for small businesses on risk assessment and specific risks.
- Better co-operation between departments where apparent contradictions in legislation apply.

What now...

- HSE will consider the ideas for simplification the SBTAF has proposed.
- It will be looking at ways to improve:
 - understanding and compliance with regulations
 - streamlining and simplifying like regulations
 - improving the way we request data from business, in particular reviewing forms
 - improving cross-governmental synergy.
- HSE will forward on suggestions appropriate to other government departments

Keep the ideas coming

- HSE values the ideas on simplification created by the SBTAF and would like to encourage the forum to highlight any new ideas members might have.
- In order to gain further information about the exercise and what ideas we are looking for please see the website: www.betterregulation.gov.uk
- Any ideas you have can be sent directly to the HSE address: [**simplification@hse.gsi.gov.uk**](mailto:simplification@hse.gsi.gov.uk) or

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Any questions/views from members on the suggestions received?