



DHS Announces Key Step toward Reducing Regulatory Burden

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Washington, D.C — The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today announced the opening of a 30-day comment period to solicit public input on whether any existing significant regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed to better serve the American people and reduce regulatory burden - a key step in the Obama administration's efforts to measure, and seek to improve, the results of federal regulatory requirements.

To better engage with the American public as it implements Executive Order 13563, DHS is encouraging individuals and organizations, and State, local, and tribal entities to submit comments using the [IdeaScale](#) public dialogue tool—a simple, web-based forum that facilitates a two way conversation about how DHS regulations can best serve the public while still meeting their regulatory objectives.

“We are committed to continuing to increase efficiency, transparency and accountability in the regulatory process,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano. “I look forward to working with the American people and the business community to determine how DHS regulations can best serve the interests of the public.”

In January, President Obama signed [Executive Order 13563](#), requiring all federal agencies to review existing regulations and determine what, if any, should be amended, supplemented, or retracted. The Executive Order sets out principles and requirements that promote public participation in government and encourage agencies to coordinate, simplify, and harmonize regulations to reduce costs and promote consistency for businesses and the public.

DHS today published a notice in the *Federal Register* seeking public comment on how best to develop a preliminary plan for a Department-wide review of significant existing regulations. Under this plan, DHS will review current regulations to identify and eliminate obsolete or unnecessary rules while strengthening and modernizing requirements, where applicable.

To view the *Federal Register* notice and provide comments, please click [here](#). Public comments may also be submitted [here](#) using the IdeaScale public dialogue tool.

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