
Canada's Policy on Limiting Regulatory Burden on Business: The Small Business Lens

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Legal and Policy Framework



Legal Framework: Statutory Instruments Act

- **Examination** (legal review) by the Department of Justice
- **Registration** upon approval
- **Publication** in the Part II



Policy Framework: Cabinet Directive on Regulation (CDR)

- **Requirements** for regulatory proposals
- **Lifecycle:** development, implementation and review
- **Embed** Good Regulatory Practices, e.g., cost-benefit analysis, regulatory cooperation
- **Reduce** burden on business
- **Improve** service, predictability and transparency



Regulation Approval Process

Regulatory Impact Analysis

- Departments and agencies are required to develop a Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement (RIAS)
- The RIAS is an essential analytical tool that contributes to transparency within the regulatory system
- The RIAS describes the regulations and its impacts: environmental.lens@ec.gc.ca



Small business lens: Introduces a more systematic analysis of impacts on small business

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