

Good Governance and Regulatory Reform

- Regulations and Trade
- Good Regulatory Practice

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What are benefits of good regulatory practice?

- Economic Benefits
- Social Benefits



Economic Benefits Developing Countries

- Efficient use of limited government resources
- Reduce burden on business
- Lower costs to consumers
- Increase competitiveness
- Promote innovation and growth



Social Benefits

Developing Countries

- Meeting public policy goals
- Health and sustainability
- Accountability
- Capacity building
- Intra-governmental collaboration



Regulatory Reform in Canada

1970's – 80's

Deregulation

1980's – 90's

Regulatory Reform

1990's

**Moving towards
Regulatory Management**

2002

OECD Review of Canada

2003

Smart Regulation



Government Commitment in 2002 Speech from Throne

“The government will move forward with a smart regulation strategy to accelerate reforms in key areas to promote health and sustainability, to contribute to innovation and economic growth, and to reduce the administrative burden on business”

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Why have we undertaken these reforms?

Primary goal of regulations is to achieve the greatest net benefit to Canadian society

- Reforms were self-driven
- Serving the public interest



Main elements of Canada's regulatory regime

- Transparency
 - knowing the rules and where to find them
- Instrument Choice
 - regulate if necessary but don't necessarily regulate



Transparency

Key elements:

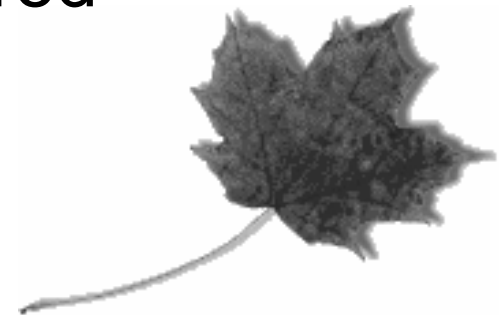
- I. Clear rules
- II. Communication
- III. Availability of Information
- IV. Consultation



Transparency

I. Clear Rules

- The Government of Canada
Regulatory Policy
 - Mandatory for all federal regulatory
authorities
 - International impact considered



Transparency

II. Communication

- Consensus building
- Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement



Transparency

Availability of Information

- Web-sites of Regulatory Departments or Agencies
- Pre-publication in Canada Gazette (official journal)



Transparency Consultations

- During drafting
 - planning and public consultation
- After drafting
 - publication in Canada Gazette
 - 30 days
 - 75 days
- WTO requirement
 - enquiry point for notifications



What is Instrument Choice?

- Using the best tools to achieve public policy objectives
- Intervention must be justified
- Cost-benefit analysis



Instrument Choice

Identifying the best option

- What is the desired outcome
- Is regulation necessary
- Does the regulation maximize benefits
- Are there international standards





Regulatory Reform and Development

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