



Regulatory Reform Act 2001

2001 CHAPTER 6

Power to make provision reforming law which imposes burdens

8 Parliamentary consideration of proposals

- (1) Where a document has been laid before Parliament under section 6(1), no draft of an order under section 1 to give effect (with or without variations) to proposals in that document shall be laid before Parliament until after the expiry of the period for Parliamentary consideration, as defined by subsection (2).
- (2) In this section “the period for Parliamentary consideration”, in relation to a document, means the period of sixty days beginning on the day on which it was laid before Parliament.
- (3) In reckoning the period of sixty days referred to in subsection (2), no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which either House is adjourned for more than four days.
- (4) In preparing a draft of an order under section 1 to give effect, with or without variations, to proposals in a document laid before Parliament under section 6(1), the Minister concerned shall have regard to any representations made during the period for Parliamentary consideration and, in particular, to any resolution or report of, or of any committee of, either House of Parliament with regard to the document.
- (5) Together with a draft of an order laid before Parliament under section 4(2), the Minister concerned shall lay a statement giving details of—
 - (a) any representations, resolution or report falling within subsection (4); and
 - (b) the changes (if any) which, in the light of any such representations, resolution or report, the Minister has made to his proposals as contained in the document previously laid before Parliament under section 6(1).
- (6) Section 7 shall apply in relation to the representations referred to in subsection (5)(a) as it applies in relation to the representations referred to in section 6(2)(k), but with the omission of subsection (4).