

On-line Application Form Phase 1 (Air displays and special events)

Department for Transport – Civil Aviation Authority

RPC rating: validated

Description of the measure

The measure allows applicants for permits for air displays and special events to complete the application on-line, instead of the paper based process currently used. The measure also allows multiple events to be applied for through one application and for payment to be made on-line. Currently, each event requires a separate application - and payment for the event is, also, dealt with separately. The change is part of the Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) corporate strategy, helping the CAA to move to on-line engagement with its stakeholders.

Impacts of the measure

The measure introduces a simpler, easier method by which businesses can make an application for such events, resulting in a time saving to applicants. The CAA estimates that there are approximately 225 events per annum. Of these, it is estimated that, on average, 25 are for multiple events. For these multiple events, the expected time saving to business is estimated at one hour per application, leading to a saving in wages of £853 per annum. The CAA, also, estimates the benefit of reducing the risk of applications being lost in the post at £171 per annum.

The validation assessment acknowledges that there will be a transition cost, covering familiarisation with applying on-line, with an estimated cost of £3,414 in year 1. This is based on an estimated 200 businesses taking 30 minutes to understand and become familiar with the new form and submission process.

The RPC verifies the estimated equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) of zero; this will be a qualifying regulatory provision scoring under the business impact target.

Quality of submission

The validation assessment sets out how the expected saving in time will be made through using an on-line application process. The validation assessment would have benefitted from providing further evidence to support the estimated time savings, particularly those relating to forms lost in the post. In addition, the assessment would

have benefitted from providing details about of the costs and benefits of the new payment process. It is, however, clear that the impacts of the proposal are likely to be very low and that further evidence-gathering would be disproportionate.

Departmental assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (IN)
Equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB)	£0.0 million
Business net present value	£0.0 million

RPC assessment

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EANCB – RPC validated ¹	£0.0 million
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	£0.0 million



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¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.