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Dear All,

Thank you for taking part in the discussion on 20 March on a Red Tape Challenge for the General Aviation sector. I was pleased to hear strong support around the table for taking forward this initiative. I now want to move quickly with this process, and can confirm that the General Aviation Red Tape Challenge will launch on 11th April 2013.

To make the review as valuable as possible we need to gather a wide range of comments from across the general aviation sector. I will publicise the theme through the aviation press, but I also need your help to promote this work. I have attached a statement announcing the launch of the General Aviation Red Tape Challenge- please do send this out widely to your members and contacts.

I know that you may have already started to gather feedback through existing forums- please do advertise the Red Tape Challenge website via these channels and encourage colleagues to comment here so that we can make sure all views are captured:
<http://www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>. You can also email comments now directly to the Red Tape Challenge inbox: redtapechallenge@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk.

The theme will be open for comments until 15th May, after which the Department for Transport, Civil Aviation Authority and the Red Tape Challenge team will develop proposals to address the issues raised. At the end of June I will chair a Star Chamber to test these proposals. There will also be an opportunity for representatives from the sector to review the package before it is announced, to make sure it will really make a difference for general aviation.

The success of the theme relies on the quality of comments and submissions we receive. We need to know exactly what is imposing an unnecessary burden – be it a particular regulation, piece of guidance or administrative process. We also need clear examples of how this is impacting your business. So please do circulate the statement widely and encourage your colleagues to send us their views.

Ideally, every last person involved in general aviation will know that this Red Tape Challenge is taking place. But I need your help to ensure this becomes a reality.

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