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## RED TAPE CHALLENGE: GENERAL AVIATION

The Government is calling on the General Aviation sector to tell us how we can cut red tape to help growth in the sector. On 11 April we are launching a Red Tape Challenge specifically on General Aviation.

The Red Tape Challenge is a Government-wide programme to tackle unnecessary, over-complicated regulation, supporting business and wider economic growth with the default that regulation should go unless it can be well defended. The first phase of the Aviation Red Tape Challenge, launched last year, looked at regulations across the wider aviation sector, of which 58% will now be scrapped or improved. Detailed plans will soon be available on the Red Tape Challenge website.

But we recognise that many of the issues go wider than the regulations themselves, and often impact most heavily on smaller operators and businesses who can find navigating complex regulatory regimes particularly challenging. That's why we are launching this new General Aviation Red Tape Challenge; inviting views on the wider regulatory issues that specifically affect the General Aviation sector, including the impact of guidance, administrative processes and EU/international regulations. The Challenge will consider eight areas of regulation:

- a. General Aviation Pilots
- b. General Aviation Airfields
- c. Maintenance
- d. Civil Aviation Authority
- e. Airspace Management
- f. Training and Instruction
- g. Historic Aircraft
- h. Innovation/Other

We need to know exactly what is imposing an unnecessary burden – be it a particular regulation, piece of guidance or administrative process and specific examples of how this is impacting your business.

Based on your feedback we will work with the Department for Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority to bring in reforms that will have a real impact on the General Aviation Community.

The General Aviation theme will go live for comments on the Red Tape Challenge website for five weeks from 11 April to 15 May 2013, at <http://www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/home/index/>

You can also send a private submission now to our inbox: [redtapechallenge@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:redtapechallenge@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk).

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