

**2017 No. 268**

**REGULATORY REFORM**

**The Deregulation Act 2015 (Growth Duty Guidance) Order  
2017**

*Made* - - - -

*8th March 2017*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 110(8) of the Deregulation Act 2015(a).

The Secretary of State has:

- (a) prepared draft guidance in accordance with section 110(4) of the Deregulation Act 2015;
- (b) consulted the following persons about the draft guidance in accordance with section 110(5) of the Deregulation Act 2015:
  - (i) persons who appeared to be representative of persons who have a duty under section 108 of the Deregulation Act 2015;
  - (ii) such other persons as the Secretary of State considered appropriate;
- (c) laid the draft guidance before Parliament, in accordance with section 110(6) of the Deregulation Act 2015.

The draft guidance has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament and has been issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 110(7) of the Deregulation Act 2015.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Deregulation Act 2015 (Growth Duty Guidance) Order 2017.

**Guidance**

2. The guidance entitled “Growth Duty S.110 Guidance” and laid in draft before Parliament on 12th December 2016 comes into force on the twenty first day after the day on which this Order is made.

8th March 2017

*Prior*  
Minister of State for Small Business, Consumer and Corporate Responsibility  
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 110(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015.

Section 108 of the Deregulation Act 2015 provides that a person exercising a regulatory function to which section 108 applies must, when exercising that function, have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth.

Under section 110(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015, a Minister of the Crown may issue guidance as to the performance of the duty under section 108. Section 110(3) provides that a person who has a duty under section 108 must have regard any guidance issued under section 110(1). The Growth Duty S.110 Guidance has been issued and will be published on the gov.uk website. An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on businesses and civil society organisations.

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