



Week in Regulation

No New Regulatory Costs

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For the first time in AAF's history, there were no proposed or final rules that imposed costs or paperwork burden hours. Although the federal government reopened for the final two days this week, the only notable measure was a notice from the administration to add **3.2 million** burden hours to support its struggling health care exchanges.

REGULATORY TOPLINES

? New Proposed Rules: 0

? New Final Rules: 3

? 2013 Significant Documents: [498](#)

? 2013 Total Pages of Regulation: 62,356

? 2013 Proposed Rules: \$65.5 Billion

? 2013 Final Rules: \$20.5 Billion

AAF has catalogued regulations according to their likely codification in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The CFR is organized into 50 titles, with each title corresponding to an industry or part of government. This tool will help to determine which sectors of the economy receive the highest number of regulatory actions.

REGULATION BY INDUSTRY IN 2013

CFR Title-Industry	Regulations	Cost (in millions)	Hours
7-Agriculture	12	\$325	32,584,137
8-Aliens and Nationality	2	\$719	749,669
9-Animals	4	\$54	34,935
10-Energy	8	\$17,046	41,820
12-Banking	37	\$760	2,280,883
13-Business Assistance	1	\$-0.7	-26,402
14-Aeronautics	243	\$1,768	5,118
15-Commerce, Trade	4		82,697
16-Commerical Practices	4	\$230	3,251,573
17-Commodities, Securities	22	\$2,376	4,921,038
18-Conservation	12	\$98	2,627,492

20-Employees' Benefits	4	\$351	527,826
21-Food and Drugs	15	\$12,702	11,426,724
22-Foreign Relations	6		-234,680
23-Highways	2	\$5	36,968
24-Housing	10	\$8	2,090,104
26-Internal Revenue	14		8,997,460
27-ATF	1	\$13	446,638
28-Judicial Administration	1		
29-Labor	9	\$7,017	2,989,981
30-Mineral Resources	4	\$56	688,886
31-Treasury	3		17,364
33-Navigable Waters	3	\$448	43,186
34-Education	4	-\$148	-3,046,597
36-Parks and Forests	2	\$1,088	925
37-Patents, Copyright	2	\$931	779,960
38-Veterans' Relief	1		32,689
40-Environment	28	\$38,733	9,661,147
41-Public Contracts	2	\$1,865	13,362,497
42-Public Health	21	-\$1,172	11,218,167
43-Interior	2	\$166	32,904
45-Public Welfare	13	\$801	4,853,180
46-Shipping	2	-\$0.03	11,416
47-Telecommunication	18	\$40	3,081,235
48-Federal Acquisition	4	\$0.4	289,917
49-Transportation	21	-\$1,516	-46,932,537
50-Wildlife and Fisheries	2	\$0.8	
Multiple Titles	9	\$1,288	-248,390

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The only notable entry in the Federal Register this week was a notice from HHS to support its health care exchanges. The 3.2 million new hours are “critical to the basic ability of Exchanges to determine eligibility for and [sic] issue certificates of exemption, and will also assist Exchanges, HHS, and IRS in ensuring program integrity and quality improvement,” according to HHS.

Since passage, based on total lifetime costs of the regulations, the Affordable Care Act has imposed an estimated cost of **\$23.6 billion** in private-sector burdens, approximately \$8.5 billion in costs to the states, and 126.8 million annual paperwork hours.

DODD-FRANK

[Click here](#) to view the total estimated compliance costs from Dodd-Frank; since passage, the legislation has produced more than 60 million paperwork burden hours and imposed \$16.3 billion in direct compliance costs. Based on calculations from the [Financial Services Roundtable](#), Dodd-Frank regulations would require 29,849 employees to file federal paperwork.

A NOTE ON NOTICES

This week, federal agencies published 42 notices. In these notices, agencies typically request new or updated paperwork burdens from the Office of Management and Budget. These notices are generally not final, merely proposals accompanied by a comment period.

Agencies requested 3.3 million paperwork burden hours, the equivalent of forcing 1,657 employees into red tape compliance. The associated costs of these burdens: \$103 million, or \$31.23 per hour. Although some of these requests extend current collections without influencing the overall level of paperwork, others impose additional burdens.

There was one new information collection request, imposing 3.2 million hours. The net change for existing collections was an increase of 18,875 hours. The overall paperwork burden increased by 3.2 million hours this week.

TOTAL BURDENS

Since January 1, the federal government has published \$86.1 billion in compliance costs, and 67.3 million annual paperwork burden hours. At the current pace, regulators will publish \$108 billion in regulations this year. [Click here](#) for our comprehensive database of regulations and rulemakings promulgated in 2013.

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