

Conditions Necessary for a Regulation to be Successful*

A Checklist for Regulators & Reviewers

Name of regulation:

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Has the regulator...?	Evidence on whether the regulator met the condition (Include links to reports of analysis)
1 <input type="checkbox"/> Identified stakeholders' endowments, relationships, and preferences that are relevant to the regulation [See Nisbett & Wilson (1977) re difficulty]	
2 <input type="checkbox"/> Designed the regulation to produce only the intended changes	
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Designed the regulation to avoid requiring that individuals commit acts that they believe to be immoral or that would violate any existing law or regulation	
4 <input type="checkbox"/> Established rewards and penalties that ensure that the regulation is followed	
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Ensured that those affected will be aware of the regulation, understand what changes they must make, and know how to appeal wrongful applications of the regulation	
6 <input type="checkbox"/> Established fair procedures independent of the regulator for resolving disputes arising from enforcement and to remedy any unintended consequences	
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that the party harmed, and not the regulator or any other interest group, benefits financially from the identification of violations of regulations	
8 <input type="checkbox"/> Avoided "capture" by those being regulated, and by any other interest group [<i>Few men have virtue enough to withstand the highest bidder</i> —George Washington]	
9 <input type="checkbox"/> Ensured that the public and private costs of administering the regulation are substantially lower than the benefits	
10 <input type="checkbox"/> Established independent scientific monitoring and evaluation to assess whether the conditions continue to be met, and rectification or repeal procedures in case not	
Comments and Conclusions (Consider including links to reviews of similar regulations):	

Signature (or your initials): _____ **Date** (dd/mmm/yy): ___/___/___

*Adapted from conditions a regulator must meet in order to increase general welfare in Armstrong & Green's (2013) "Effects of Corporate Social Responsibility and Irresponsibility Policies" on 5 October 2016. The published paper is available from <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jbusres.2013.02.014>, and a working paper version is available from <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2207952>. Checklist available from ironlawofregulation.com