

# Presidential Documents

**Title 3—**

**The President**

**Executive Order 12861 of September 11, 1993**

**Elimination of One-Half of Executive Branch Internal Regulations**

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and section 1111 of title 31, United States Code, and to cut 50 percent of the executive branch's internal regulations in order to streamline and improve customer service to the American people, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. *Regulatory Reductions.*** Each executive department and agency shall undertake to eliminate not less than 50 percent of its civilian internal management regulations that are not required by law within 3 years of the effective date of this order. An agency internal management regulation, for the purposes of this order, means an agency directive or regulation that pertains to its organization, management, or personnel matters. Reductions in agency internal management regulations shall be concentrated in areas that will result in the greatest improvement in productivity, streamlining of operations, and improvement in customer service.

**Sec. 2. *Coverage.*** This order applies to all executive branch departments and agencies.

**Sec. 3. *Implementation.*** The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall issue instructions regarding the implementation of this order, including exemptions necessary for the delivery of essential services and compliance with applicable law.

**Sec. 4. *Independent Agencies.*** All independent regulatory commissions and agencies are requested to comply with the provisions of this order.



THE WHITE HOUSE,  
September 11, 1993.