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# Business Regulatory Review Agency

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# ABOUT BARRA



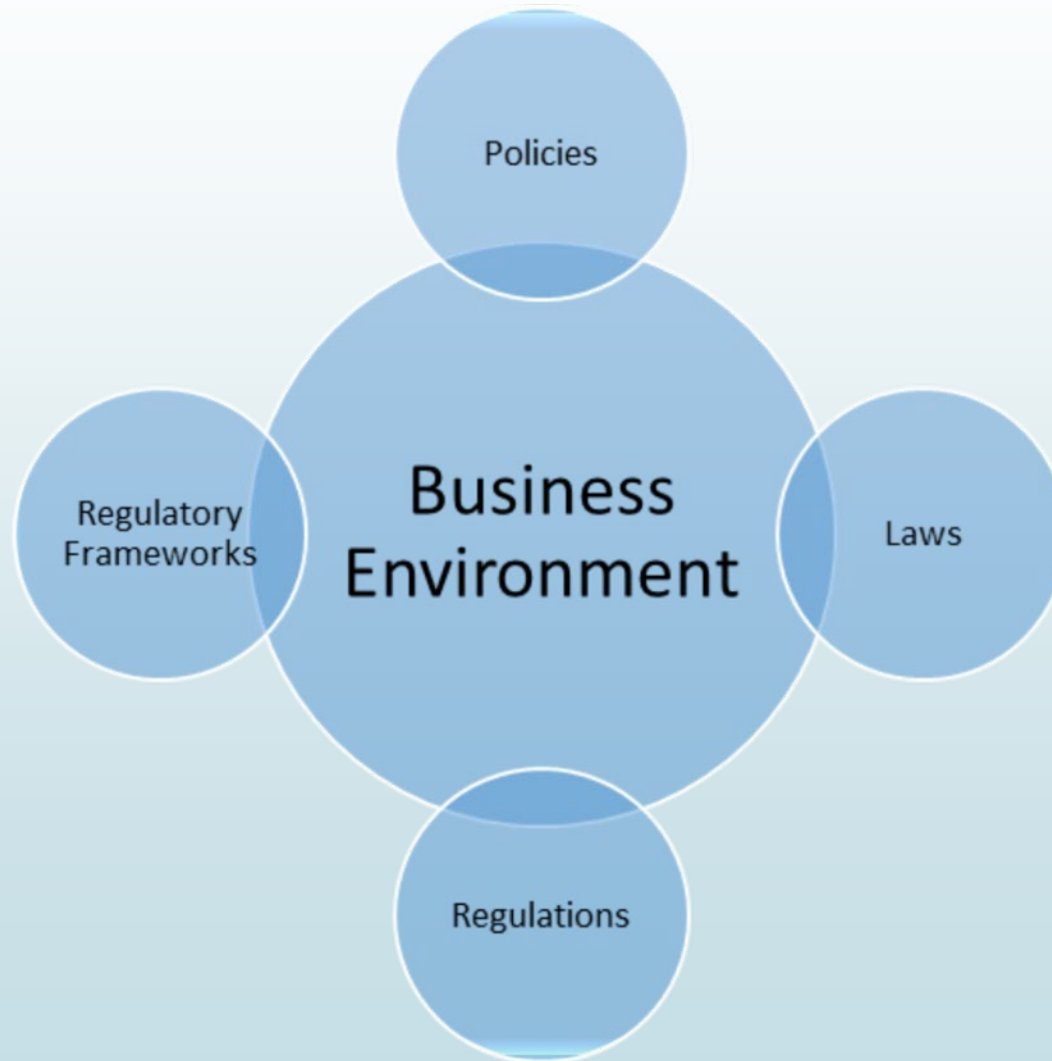
- Statutory Body under Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry.
- Business Regulatory Act No.3 of 2014
- Mandate “create a conducive business environment”

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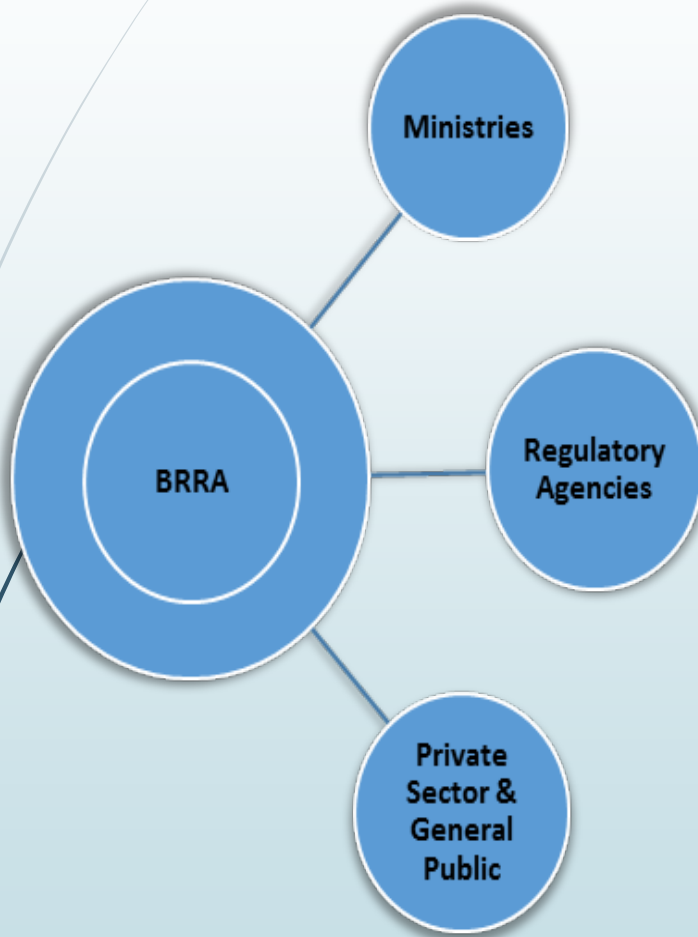
- Who or what does BARRA regulate?



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# Functions of BRRRA



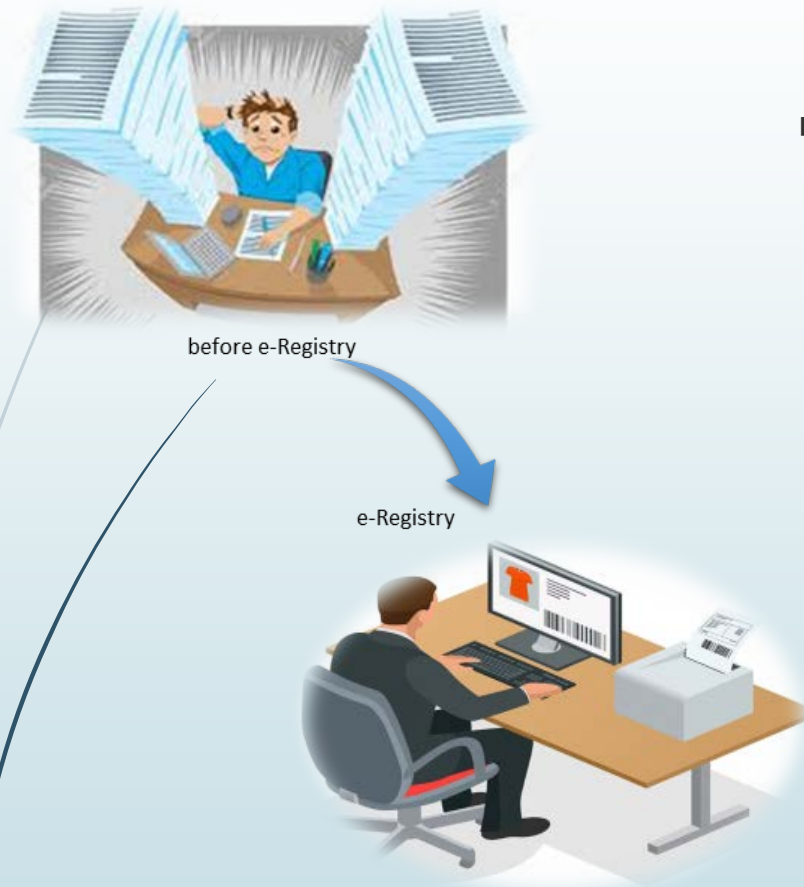
- ▶ Build Capacity and Technical Support.
- ▶ Develop and disseminate Guidelines and Standards to conduct RIA and Public Consultations.(RIA Handbook).

## Functions of BRRR Cont'd



- ▶ Approve RIA reports (proposed policies, laws and regulatory frameworks).
- ▶ Monitor and evaluate existing regulations and regulatory frameworks.
  - Legal, serve the intended purpose and not unnecessarily burden businesses.
  - Protection of Public health and safety, the environment.
  - National security, consumer protection.
  - Allocation of scarce national resources.
  - Upholding of standards of goods, food, drugs and services.

## Functions of BRRRA Cont'd



- ▶ Establish and manage the e- Registry.
  - Centralised database and transactional platform
  - Holds information on licences, permits, certificates, authorisations and regulations
  - Formalities businesses have to comply with
  - Facilitate processing of applications.
  - [www.businesslicenses.gov.zm](http://www.businesslicenses.gov.zm)



## Functions of BRRRA Cont'd

- Establish and coordinate Regulatory Services Centres.
  - Increase the ease of doing business, reduce costs.
  - Increase accessibility to business registration and licensing services (many institutions under one roof)
  - Streamline business registration process and reduce the time (from 14 days to within 24hrs)
  - Four centres available in Lusaka, Livingstone, Chipata and Kitwe

# Regulatory Impact Assessments And Public Consultation

- ▶ **Current Status of the use of RIA and Public Consultation in Zambia:**
  - Legal framework - Business Regulatory Act No.3 of 2014
  - is complimentary to any law regulating business and that law shall continue to regulate the business subject to procedures and criteria for licensing, principles and interventions under this act (Part I, s.3.3)
  - Institutional framework established – BRRRA
  - Compliance levels low –
    - Awareness on the need to conduct RIAs and Public Consultations still low;
    - Many public bodies lack capacity

# Regulatory Impact Assessments And Public Consultation Cont'd

## ► Procedure for imposition of a new policy or law (Part II,s.6)

A public body shall:

1. Give notice, in writing to BRRRA of intention to introduce a policy or law at least two months before submission to Cabinet.
2. A public body will submit to Cabinet for approval only if a policy or law to regulate business activity has prior approval of BRRRA.
3. Hold public consultations for at least 30 days.
  - Persons or proprietors of business enterprises who maybe affected or will benefit
  - Regulatory Agencies and other public officers who will implement
  - All other relevant stakeholders

## Regulatory Impact Assessments And Public Consultation Cont'd

### 4. Carry out a RIA

- State the problem clearly (cause and effect)
- Objectives of the proposed policy or law
- Options considered to deal with the matter (cost and benefits)
- A consultation report (stakeholders, consultation technique, outcome)
- Indicate the preferred option and state reasons why?
- Implementation plan

## Conclusion

- RIA promotes inclusion, transparency and accountability in the policy/regulation making process.
- RIA is implemented in Zambia to ensure the creation and sustenance of a conducive business environment that favours investment and promotes business growth.



Thank you

