



Weekly Report

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Action sought

Hon David Seymour
MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Note the contents of this report

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Ministry for Regulation

Minister's comments:

Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2024-015	Consider best time to begin updating the public on ECE review facts and figures	26 July 2024	In progress. a timeline and draft PR will be shared with the office next week.
A2024-023	Talking points for ECC conference on 9 August	31 July	In progress
A2024-025	Provide advice on obligations and options for translation of sector review collateral	2 August	In progress
A2024-016	§ 9(2)(f)(iv)	TBC	§ 9(2)(f)(iv)
A2024-017	Provide further advice on the proposal for the 'hook' in the plan for early-stage analysis	TBC	In progress
A2024-021	§9(2)(f)(iv)	TBC	In progress.

Briefings & Aides-Mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2024-076	Talking points on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review for EXP	18 July 2024
MFR2024-069	Strategic Intentions	19 July 2024


Papers under development		Due date
MFR2024-077	Alternative approach to providing for regulatory responsibility principles	26 July 2024
MFR2024-081	Early Childhood Education Sector Review: Monthly Update, Issue 1	2 August 2024
MFR2024-064	Options for engagement on the Regulatory Standards Bill	TBC
MFR2024-078	Regulatory Standards Bill: powers and obligations for regulatory reviews	16 August 2024

Draft Cabinet paper consultations

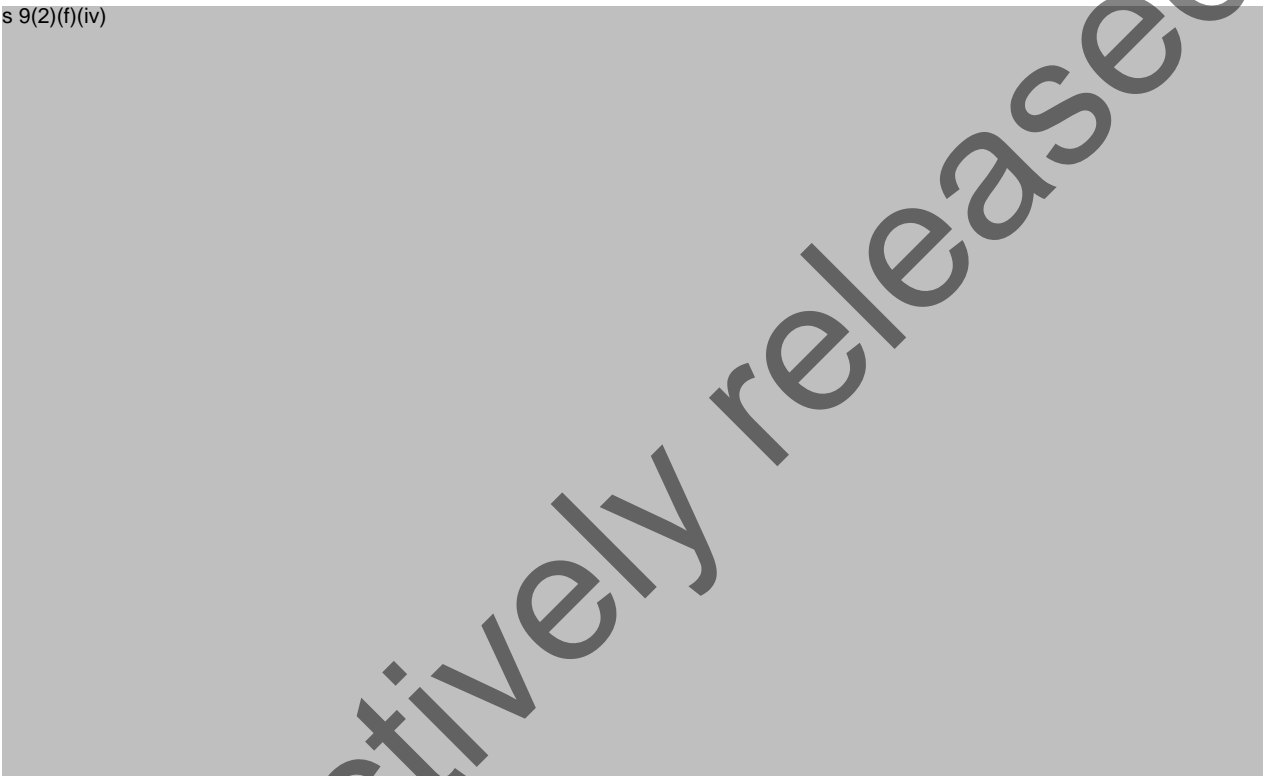
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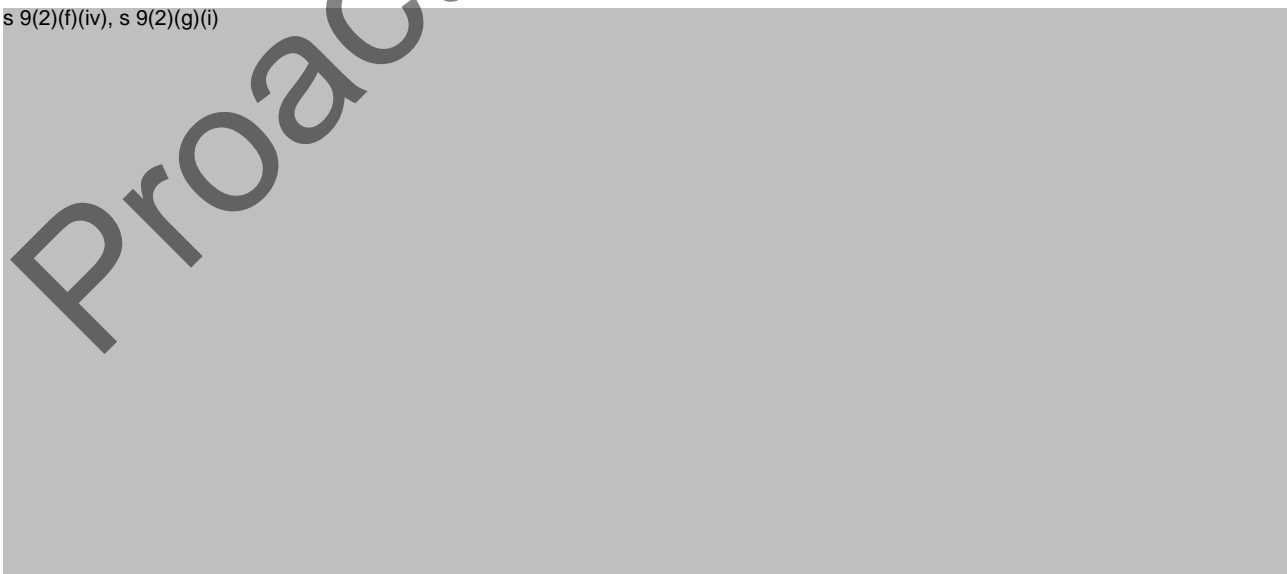
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Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Week of 22 July	Wellington	Update on engagement progress for the ECE regulatory review	PR
1 August	Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington	Animal and Plant Health NZ (APHNZ) breakfast event (before the organisation's annual conference). Minister Hoggard scheduled to attend the breakfast event.	PR (release terms of reference for agri-hort products regulatory review) Speech Media opportunity
9 August	ECC Conference 2024 Christchurch	Early Childhood Council annual conference – anticipating 300 ECE professional to attend. Note: Ministry officials will host a workshop during conference on 10 August	Speech PR
29 August	Employers and Manufacturers Association (EMA) Auckland	Guest speaker at a regular EMA Policy Forum event	Speech

We are actively working with your office to explore event and engagement opportunities over the next two-three months that you could participate in.

Contact: Denise Mackay, Communications and Engagement Lead. Ph.s 9(2)(a)

Updates

Recruitment

For information

- Adverts for our three deputy chief executive roles went live on Friday, 19 July. The recruitment for these roles is being managed in partnership by the Ministry and an external recruitment agency.
- Five additional adverts for nine vacancies also went live on 19 July with recruitment being managed within the Ministry.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Secretary for Regulation and Chief Executive. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Engagements

For information

The establishment CE continues to meet with a wide range of stakeholders including this week MCL Capital, a provider of financing solutions, and Liz Shackleton CE of Animal and Plant Health NZ to discuss their feedback and progress on the review. Gráinne also a guest speaker at an event for young professionals from private and public sector.

Contact: Gráinne Moss, Secretary for Regulation and Chief Executive. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

As at 17 July we have received over 400 submissions with 380 coming through the engagement platform, as well as 43 written submissions. We are expecting more from providers and from bodies who are making submissions on behalf of members. The submissions through the engagement platform have come from:

- parents 157
- workers 192
- providers 15
- others 19

In the next two weeks the team will be visiting ECEs in the Auckland, Manawatu, Wellington and Canterbury region. This includes a meeting with Pasifika providers and workers in Auckland as well as the Early Childhood Council conference in Christchurch on 10 July.

Contact: David Wansbrough, Sector Reviews Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

Ministerial and coalition consultation on the Cabinet Paper for the review closed on 17 July. The paper was lodged on 18 July, for the Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee meeting on 23 July and Cabinet on 29 July. On the 18th July we provided talking points for the Committee meeting, which you may want to share with Ministers Hoggard and Simmonds. We are also continuing to plan for the launch on 1 August and are engaging with your office on the arrangements.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), the Ministry for the Environment (MfE), and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) have made some of their staff available part-time to support the review team directly. This includes both technical experts and some general policy resource.

We have also engaged with Professor Alan Reilly, the former Chief Executive of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland. Professor Reilly was originally going to undertake a review of the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines regulatory system alone for MPI, but this was paused in light of the regulatory review being announced.

The Senior Officials Advisory Group for the review had their first meeting on 17 July. The group will provide advice and support for the review team, including addressing any roadblocks, and will support alignment with related policy processes. The group is Chaired by Establishment CEO Ministry for Regulation and includes senior leaders from MfE, EPA, and MPI/New Zealand Food Safety. The group discussed how the review will intersect with initiatives already in progress, and the need and opportunity to align implementation of any resulting changes to the regulatory systems. The group noted that the review team will need to be very disciplined in managing the stages of the review, including in managing stakeholder engagements to meet the timeline for the review.

On 17 July the review team met with the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Advisory Council, which advises the Ministry for Primary Industry on the control of agricultural compounds and veterinary medicines. Members asked who would be responsible for managing any changes to legislation following the review, and whether the scope of the review would look beyond current issues to “future-proofing” the system to ensure it can provide suitable pathways for new innovative products.

Contact: David Wansbrough, Sector Reviews Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

Regulatory Response Team

For information

The following table shows updates on previously reported matters.

Source	Issue	Update
9(2)(ba)(i)		
9(2)(ba)(i)	Reconsideration of the bar of kerbside recycling collection	<p>We met with 9(2)(ba)(i) and put their concerns to MFE. This is a relatively recent change in policy, implemented earlier this year. s 9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>However, at this stage industry participants and small councils are well connected to trials for ongoing expansion of recycling categories. Further work from us at this stage would duplicate work underway by MfE and the sector. We recommended that 9(2)(ba)(i) be prioritised for upcoming future trials to collect more materials, which was a satisfactory outcome for them. We will monitor progress, especially in relation to the rationale for regulation and quality of cost-benefit analysis on economic impacts on the sector in future policy changes.</p>
s 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(ba)(i)		
Individual	Rural business owner with concerns and frustrations about current LVRs and lending practices	Under current LVR policies, rural business owners are often not eligible for loans. We are limited in our ability to intervene in this area due to the Reserve Bank's role. We referred this person to the upcoming Select Committee inquiry on rural banking, including a recommendation that he shares his experiences to the Select Committee.

New matters that are under review:

Source	Issue
Individual	An issue has been raised with us stating that the exemption levels that currently apply to audit requirements under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 are out of date and driving significant compliance costs.

Contact: Andrew Royle, Legal Lead. Ph:s 9(2)(a)

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