



Weekly Report

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Recipient

Action sought

Hon David Seymour
MINISTER FOR REGULATION

Note the contents of this report

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Minister's comments:

Actions

Action	Due date	Status update
A2024-045	29 October	New action. Completed and closed. Advice will be provided on 25 October.
A2024-043		

Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation	Date Delivered
MFR2024-145	25 October
MFR2024-148	25 October

Papers under development	Due date
MFR2024-146	30 October
MFR2024-107	1 November
MFR2024-139	9 November
MFR2024-127	15 November
MFR2024-108	22 November
MFR2024-140	25 November
MFR2024-109	18 December

Upcoming events/announcements

Date	Location	Event	Opportunity
Later October/Nov	Wellington	TBC - update on ECE review – ‘myth busting’	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
Later October/Nov	Wellington	Business NZ publish their report on reducing the compliance burden on small business	TBC - PR
November	Wellington	<i>The Month of Regulation</i> – the Ministry’s engagement team are working with your office to propose and support a range of opportunities during the month of November (being the month you received your warrant as Minister for Regulation)	Various including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE regulatory review updates • Ag Hort regulatory review updates • RSB public consultation opens • Regulatory Response Team positive outcomes • Launch of the public portal
December	Wellington	TBC – ECE and Ag Hort regulatory review draft reports completed	TBC – PR and supporting communications products
December	Wellington	s9(2)(f)(iv)	

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Updates

Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review

For information

The Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review continues to analyse and test initial findings and recommendations.

To date, we have held 13 testing workshops covering regulatory monitoring, regulatory capability and performance, licencing criteria (multiple workshops), regulatory tools, curriculum, qualifications and ratios, regulatory strategy, approach, culture and leadership.

Initial findings from testing workshops were provided to the ECE Regulatory Review Steering Group (the Steering Group) on the 21 of October as part of the cross-agency consultation process. We are considering feedback from the Steering Group members on these findings. We will be presenting initial recommendations to the Steering Group on 5 November.

Our next briefing will be delivered on 14 November and will share initial findings and recommendations, including an update on the second tranche of licencing criteria. Work on the report is progressing well, we will present you with a final draft report for your consideration on 13 December.

As discussed we intend to proactive release the following briefings and reports on 31 October:

- MFR 2024-121 - *Early Childhood Education Regulatory System Review: Themes from direct engagement*
- MFR 2024-129 - *Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review analysis of themes from submissions*

We provided feedback to the Ministry of Education on the draft Cabinet paper *proposed changes to the educator qualification and person responsible requirements in licensed home-based ECE services* and the accompanying Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).

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Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

For information

The current focus for the Agricultural and Horticultural Review team is testing our preliminary findings for the issues and causes work and draft recommendations with Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand Food Safety, the Environmental Protection Authority, and the Ministry for the Environment. We have received significant feedback from agencies which we are working through and considering.

Next week we will be engaging with the Sector Reference Group and undertaking bespoke engagement with the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Fonterra,

Zespri, and AgrizeroNZ. Engagement with these groups will be focused on a high-level overview of options that have been considered (including those we are not progressing), and more detail on options likely to be of relevance to their specific interests. The Senior Officials Advisory Group will also be meeting next week to discuss the upcoming briefing to Joint Ministers, and the preliminary findings of the review.

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Good regulatory practice guidance – launch of six Quick Guides

For information

On Wednesday 16 October, the Ministry hosted a webinar to launch six [Quick Guides](#) on regulatory practice essentials. The webinar was attended by 165 people. A panel discussion on the importance of the guides featured Gráinne Moss and Lisa Docherty (MfR), Vanessa Horne (Commerce Commission) and Steve Watson (MBIE). The discussion particularly highlighted the critical importance of good quality communication and engagement with regulated parties and the public, and praise for the Ministry's guides on these topics.

A further four Quick Guides are in development for launch early next year. In the development of the Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report

Quick Guides the Regulatory System Capability team draws on around 60 subject matter experts from over a dozen agencies to synthesise the best content, examples and provide peer review. Each written Quick Guide will have a companion online learning module. The modules will add examples, scenarios and interactive learning activities about the topics. The first six modules will be launched in November on the Ministry’s new learning management system available to people who do regulatory work in central and local government.

Findings from the two open regulatory reviews are highlighting the importance of good practice as key to good regulation. The Ministry is preparing further good regulatory practice guidance alongside the quick guides and modules, aimed at supporting regulatory leaders to lead good practice in their agencies.

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Regulatory Response Team

For information

RRT #	Issue	Next steps/Action taken
RRT2024-036	WorkSafe Exposure Standard (WES) for flour dust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
RRT2024-010	Telecommunications Service Obligations (TSO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
RRT2024-003	Duplication of Children’s Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

RRT2024-005	Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We met with MoJ on 22/10 to discuss the progress of the AML work. We communicated our expectation to be involved in governance arrangements and policy development. MoJ have confirmed and invited us into the process. • We met MoJ on 24/10 to progress the AML work.
RRT2024-024	Kina fishery over-regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRT met the submitter on 23/10 and met MPI Fisheries on 24/10 about this issue.

We triaged nine items this week and are progressing five to investigation. We have updated this report on three of these items below.

RRT #	Issue	Update	Next steps/Action taken
RRT2024-38	Transport Technology - s s9(2)(b)	<p>s9(2)(b)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>We will investigate this issue further.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will contact the submitter, MOT and/or NZTA within the next 10 days.
RRT2024-41	Additional certification for USA car seats	<p>s9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>	

RRT2024-043	Rental Vehicles	s9(2)(f)(iv)
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Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here. Only new papers or papers with updated commentary will be included in this table.

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