



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
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Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date Delivered
MFR2025-179	Industrial Hemp Biweekly Update – 23 July 2025	23 July
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MFR2025-202	Lessons from the 'Virginia Model' of regulatory reform	24 July
MFR2025-205	iHemp Weekly Update 25 July 2025	25 July
MFR2025-208	Ministry for Regulation Draft Work Programme	25 July

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-148	August update on the Telecommunications Regulatory Review	7 August
MFR2025-194	Report on portfolios' compliance with Cabinet's impact analysis requirements	13 August

Announcements & Engagements

Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
TBC 1 August	Wellington	Publication of red tape tipline quarterly report	MfR website and LinkedIn
TBC August	Wellington	Announcement of next sector review	Ministerial PR MfR website and LinkedIn
TBC August	Wellington	Joint announcement with Minister Penk on changed regulations for garden sheds	Ministerial PR
TBC August	Wellington	Update on Telecommunications Review – scene setting for online public consultation	Ministerial PR MfR website and LinkedIn MfR key stakeholders' email
22 August	Wellington	Online public consultation starts on Telecommunications Review draft options	Ministerial PR MfR website and LinkedIn MfR key stakeholders' email
26 August	Christchurch	Ministerial address to the Canterbury Club	Speech
27-28 August	Australia	National Regulators Community of Practice conference: <i>Regulation 2025 to 2050: Disruption, Change, and Continuity</i>	Speech

Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
W/C 21 July	Ministry begins direct engagement in person on next review (Review 5) – on a trusted basis.
31 July	Hairdressing and Barbering revocation of regulation takes effect. Ministry to publicise with own stakeholders directly via email and publicly via LinkedIn.
31 July	Jointly hosting public webinar with NZIER on regulatory policy design
TBC August	Announcement of next review (Review 5)
5 August	CE – Guest speaker at the FMA Board meeting in Auckland
6 August	Chief Economist – Guest lecturer Canterbury University (Economics Department)
13 August	CE panellist with other central agency CEs – Crown Board Chairs Forum
19 August	CE webinar – IPANZ/Hapai voices from the centre
22 August (TBC)	Public consultation Telco review
27-28 August	CE presenting online/ Minister attending the National Regulators Community of Practice conference: <i>Regulation 2025 to 2050: Disruption, Change, and Continuity</i>

Contact: Joe Stockman, Head of Engagement s 9(2)(a)

Updates

Regulatory Standards Bill

For information

We provided an updated Cabinet paper and departmental report this week to support Ministerial consultation on the Regulatory Standards Bill. Alongside Finance and Expenditure Committee (FEC) appearances over the next few weeks, the team are also transitioning into implementation planning and guidance production. Immediate priorities include planning for the Board appointments and operations; commencing work on the necessary legislative exemptions that may be applied under Ministerial powers once the Bill is passed; and developing guidance to support agency and Ministerial consideration of the principles. Work is already underway on one set of guidance (associated with the fees and levies principle), and on how the consistency accountability statements will be implemented (e.g. templates, guidance on problem definition, and cost-benefit analysis with support from the Economics team).

Contact: Andrew Royle, Deputy Chief Executive Policy | s 9(2)(a)

Telecommunications Review

For information

We are working through our initial draft findings and options with Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and the Commerce Commission. We will provide you with a briefing on the 12 August prior to the joint ministers' meeting on 13 August. Public consultation is due to begin in the final week of August on options for change.

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Industrial Hemp

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Future Reviews

For information

The Product Labelling and s 9(2)(f)(iv) were confirmed at Cabinet on 21 July.

The Product Labelling Review team have provided you with an engagement approach and timeline to Terms of Reference (MFR2025-191).

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Contact: Hannah McGlue, Manager, Regulatory Reviews | s 9(2)(a)

Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Portal

For information

The Ministry has received a total of 823 submissions to date. We currently have 35 investigations underway, (relating to 105 public submissions). We have closed 643 submissions and have 63 submissions awaiting closure or investigation. The latest RRT report was provided to your office on 22 July (MFR2025-201)

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We are awaiting further direction from your office on the issues outlined below:

Table 1: Issues awaiting further direction from your office

Title	Source	Date advice sent	Action awaited
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We are actively investigating the following issues. This is not a full view of all investigative work that is occurring, and encompasses only those that we will be providing advice to you or your office on shortly:


Table 2: Issues under investigation

Title	Source	Investigation stage
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Swimming pool fencing compliance – glass material (RRT2025-0719)	Commission from your office	Drafting Ministers Briefing and letter to provide to submitter. Broader investigation underway about multiple public submissions on swimming pool regulation.
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Contact: Lucy Pritchard, Principal Advisor, Reviews and System Capability | s 9(2)(a)

Regulatory Impact Analysis Non-Compliance

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