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# Weekly Report

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<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Action sought</b>
<b>Hon David Seymour</b> <b>MINISTER FOR REGULATION</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this report

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**Minister's comments:**

## Actions

Action		Due date	Status update
A2025-328	Progressing deregulatory options: MfR to further develop options and discuss with the Office	October	Complete
A2025-347	MfR discuss with Sam at Advisors meeting on Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>	29 October	Complete
A2025-348	MfR to reconsider MFR2025-247 Regulatory Standards Bill - Fees and skills for the Regulatory Standards Board	29 October	In progress

## Briefings & Aides-mémoire

Papers delivered to the Minister for Regulation		Date delivered
MFR2025-297	Regulatory Standards Bill - Draft second reading speech	29 October
MFR2025-268	Regulatory Standards Bill: draft templates to support implementation of the RSB	30 October
MFR2025-277	Regulatory Standards Bill: implementing requirements for regulatory system stewardship and review of existing legislation	30 October
MFR2025-284	Regulatory Systems Amendment Bills guidance to be published	30 October
MFR2025-298	Addressing unnecessary regulatory burden on the hemp sector	30 October
MFR2025-303	Regulatory Standards Bill - Amendment Paper provide for final approval	30 October

Papers delivered to the Ministers Office		Date delivered
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MFR2025-301	Timing and considerations for a medium complexity review into the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme	30 October
MFR2025-300	Retirement Villages Act Review: legislative reform proposals	31 October

Papers under development		Due date
MFR2025-296	Regulatory Standards Bill House Pack - Committee of the Whole	3 November
MFR2025-150	Final report and draft Cabinet paper for Telecommunications Regulatory Review	6 November
MFR2025-295	ECE review report back	6 November
MFR2025-302	2026 Legislation Programme: Requirements for Submitting	28 November

# Announcements & Engagements

## Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
October - November	Various	Ongoing Ministerial engagement with hospitality sector	Regional events with chambers / hospitality businesses
TBC	Wellington	Regulatory Standards Bill returns to House for subsequent readings	Ministerial press release when Bill passes Third Reading
12 November	Wellington	Chorus annual stakeholder event	Speech

## Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
October - November	Ongoing engagement direct and online with Hospitality sector
4 December	Open Council of Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) – Chief Executive keynote, Chief Economist on panel
9 December	University of Canterbury Regulatory Economics - CEO Forum – Chief Economist and Chief Executive – Sector Reviews and What they Mean for Businesses (Minister opening TBC)

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

# Updates

## Telecommunications Review

*For information*

The Review team is finalising the report and draft Cabinet Paper. These will be provided to you and Minister Goldsmith on 6 November 2025.

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Contact: Cherie Engelbrecht, Acting Manager, Regulatory Reviews | s 9(2)(a)

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## Industrial Hemp Review

*For information*

The Cabinet paper was lodged on 29 October 2025 for Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP) consideration on 4 November 2025. We have provided talking points to support your discussion at the EXP meeting [MFR2025-298 refers].

Contact: Colm Williams, Principal Advisor | s 9(2)(a)

## Hospitality Review

*For information*

This week, the Review’s Senior Officials Group (the Group) held its first meeting. The agencies represented on the Group are the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and the Ministry of Justice.

Stakeholder engagement continues with meetings scheduled in the next week with Distilled Spirits Aotearoa, the New Zealand Events Association, the Brewers’ Guild, and the Brewers Association of New Zealand.

Submissions continue to be made by the sector to date there have been 75 responses, the majority of which are from hospitality business owners (45 responses). Remaining submissions are from regulators, hospitality workers and other interested parties, including organisations that

represent hospitality businesses. From next week we'll focus on increasing engagement in areas with representation gaps as well as seeking more submissions from all areas to deepen our understanding of the issues.

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

## Product Labelling Review

*For information*

The Review team is making steady progress on investigations across all areas within scope. An initial issues paper has been shared with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), the Commerce Commission, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), the Department of Internal Affairs, and the Ministry of Health. External engagement with regulated parties also continues as planned.

On 28 October 2025, the Review team provided input into MPI's briefing to Minister Hoggard on seeking approval for targeted consultation on amendments to the Dietary Supplements Regulations 1985 (the DSR), including reviewing the draft discussion document for targeted consultation. Ministry for Regulation supports the overall direction of the proposed amendments outlined in the paper ahead of targeted consultation. The proposed changes to the DSR represent an important step in enabling further export growth and largely reflect the feedback we've heard from industry, particularly in relation to introducing export exemptions for therapeutic claims where products meet importing country requirements.

**[Commercially Sensitive]** Engagement is ongoing with MPI, MBIE, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as work advances on a potential import exemption to facilitate the entry of a new supermarket entrant. We have provided feedback to MPI on a draft Cabinet paper to support decisions on the import exemption proposal.

Contact: Justine Fitzmaurice, Manager, Regulatory Reviews | s 9(2)(a)

## Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Tipline

*For information*

As of 29 October 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 1398 submissions on red tape issues. We currently have 27 investigations underway (relating to 179 public submissions).

Some of the issues we currently have under investigation include:

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

# Draft Cabinet paper consultations

Draft Cabinet papers that we have been consulted on will appear here.

Contact: Gwen Rashbrooke, Manager, Regulatory Policy Design **s 9(2)(a)**

## New or updated papers

Title	Probable Committee	Comment
Support mechanisms under proportionate liability	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee  5 November 2025	<p>In this paper the Minister for Building and Construction proposes mandatory home warranties for all new residential houses and renovations \$100,000 or above and seeks agreement to require building design professionals involved to hold professional indemnity insurance.</p> <p>We generally support this proposal. In line with previous Cabinet agreements, it fills the gap in consumer protection left from the transition to proportionate liability and it addresses consumer behavioural biases giving rise to underconsumption of warranties. While there are risks to mandating home warrantee cover (e.g. decreasing the rate of construction), these are amenable to intervention and have not eventuated in other high-income jurisdictions with mandates. A mandate also guarantees demand for warrantee products and boosts investor confidence which will be important as the market expands and develops.</p> <p>There are several details that will need to be resolved prior to drafting which we have raised through agency consultation. Importantly, we recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the impacts of the mandatory home warranties are reviewed after three years (with consideration to be given to moving to an opt-out regime)</li> <li>• that a mandate is not justified regarding mandating professional indemnity insurance, given existing widespread coverage among building designers.</li> <li>• greater clarity on requirements for transferring warranties, since without transfer, selling houses soon after they are built could undermine the proposal</li> </ul> <p>We understand there are divergent views amongst agencies on the proposal. Our note to your office (MFR2025-294) identifies some key issues and agency views and sets out our recommendations in more detail.</p>