



## Ministry for Regulation Weekly Report – 30 January 2026

<b>Week ending</b>	30 January 2026	<b>Priority</b>	Medium
<b>Security classification</b>	In confidence	<b>Tracking number</b>	MFR2026-018

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Action sought</b>
Hon David Seymour <b>Minister for Regulation</b>	<b>Note</b> the contents of this report

### Contact for discussion if required

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Aisling Risdon	Head of Ministerial and Strategic Services	s 9(2)(a)

### Comments

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## Actions

Reference	Action	Due date	Status update
A2025-403	RSA exclusions: MfR to revisit RSA exclusion categories	22/01/2026	Complete – MFR2026-007
A2025-387	Product Labelling: MfR to provide more information on first principles/zero-basing analysis done as part of the review	29/01/2026	Complete - MFR2026-016

Contact: Aisling Risdon, Head of Ministerial and Strategic Services, s 9(2)(a)

## Papers delivered and under development

### Delivered to the Minister for Regulation

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-007	Regulatory Standards Act Implementation: Further decisions for considering exclusions to the Regulatory Standards Act 2025	29/01/2026
MFR2025-313	Product Labelling Regulatory Review	29/01/2026
MFR2026-013	Strategic Intentions 2026/27-2029/30	29/01/2026
MFR2026-014	Regulatory Standards Act implementation: Updated draft of section 26 guidance	29/01/2026

### Delivered to the Minister's office

Reference	Title	Date delivered
MFR2026-006	Illustrative examples of analysis in draft Regulatory Standards Act templates	26/01/2026
MFR2025-308	Updated Telecommunications Regulatory Report	30/01/2026

### Under development

Reference	Title	Due date
MFR2026-017	Annual Review 2024-25: Response to at- and post-hearing questions	5/02/2026
s 9(2)(f)(iv)		
MFR2026-005	Regulatory Standards Act: Exempting Government amendment papers from CAS requirements	12/02/2026
MFR2026-015	Vote Regulation: March Baseline Update	12/02/2026

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## Announcements & Engagements

### Ministerial activity

Date	Location	Details	Opportunity
Cabinet (TBC)	Wellington	Announcement of Telecommunications Regulatory Review outcomes	Work with Minister's office on when/what decisions announcement would look like
s 9(2)(f)(iv)			

### Ministry for Regulation activity

Date	Details
January	Chief Executive engagement with public service leadership colleagues Ongoing Hospitality Review sector engagement
February 2 (published 14 February)	Chief Executive interview with The Post – two years of operation
24 March	Chief Economist presentation - Environment and Resource Management Law Update Conference
March (date TBC)	Regulators and AI guide event – Ministry for Regulation and Martin Jenkins to audience of regulators
March (date TBC)	Extensive programme of university career expos

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

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## Updates

### Hospitality Review

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#### *For information*

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This week we met with Minister McKee to discuss the Hospitality Review (the Review) and understand her position, as the Minister responsible for alcohol. She supported the issues we recommended progressing in the Hospitality Review [MFR2025-310 refers] and agreed with the ones we did not recommend progressing as part of the Review. Minister McKee asked to be briefed again as we begin forming options for change, ensuring we have robust evidence to support those options.

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[Redacted]

Minister McKee requested that the Ministry for Regulation provide some oversight of the alcohol legislation currently being progressed, to ensure alignment with the Review findings. The Review team will discuss how to fulfil this request with our Ministry of Justice colleagues, noting that we have been involved in the development of this Bill as part of the Hairdressing and Barbering Regulatory Review as well as oversight from the hospitality review.

Work continues on the two key deliverables for February. These are:

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)
- [Redacted]

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

### Telecommunications Review

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#### *For information*

We have provided you with an updated Cabinet Paper and a cover briefing outlining the changes from our original recommendations. The Cabinet Paper is due to be considered at the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on 11 February 2026.

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

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## Product Labelling Review

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### *For information*

The Review team has incorporated agency feedback into the final report, which has undergone an independent review by an external firm. We have provided you with both the report and the draft Cabinet paper this week [MFR2025-313 refers]. We will discuss your feedback on the report at the agency meeting on 3 February 2026.

We are continuing to engage with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and other key agencies on the digital labelling trial under the Food Act 2014. Consultation on the trial closed on 19 December 2025 and MPI is currently reviewing the submissions and preparing a summary of them for Ministers. We understand MPI is developing a process to take expressions of interest to participate in the trial, and we will continue to engage with them about progress on this.

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

## Red Tape Tipline

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### *For information*

As of 28 January 2026, the Ministry has received a total of 1,516 submissions on potential red tape issues. We currently have 44 low-complexity reviews underway (relating to 189 public submissions). You will receive the next deregulatory bundle in February.

Some of the issues we are currently reviewing include:

- s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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