

# **Weekly Report**

#### **Proactively Released**

| Week ending:             | 29 August 2025 | Priority:           | Medium      |  |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| Security classification: | In confidence  | Tracking<br>number: | MFR2025-236 |  |

Recipient Action sought

Hon David Seymour Note the contents of this report

MINISTER FOR REGULATION

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**Minister's comments:** 

### **Actions**

| Action        |  | Due date | Status update |
|---------------|--|----------|---------------|
| A2025-268     | RegRoom: Send Minister his log in details and a slide pack | August   | In progress   |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv) |  | -        |               |
| A2025-274     | Annual report should reflect the Minister's feedback       | August   | Complete      |
| A2025-275     | Develop a clear commission on the next steps with RISs     | August   | In progress   |

# **Briefings & Aides-mémoire**

| Papers delive | Date delivered  |           |
|---------------|---|-----------|
| MFR2025-235   | Regulatory Standards Bill - Proposed framework for considering exemptions | 28 August |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv) |   |           |
| MFR2025-240   | RRT Weekly Report 29 August 2025  | 29 August |

| Papers under  | Due date  |              |
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| s 9(2)(t)(iv) |   |              |
| MFR2025-241   | Low Complexity Reviews Deregulatory Outcomes September 2025   | 4 September  |
| MFR2025-229   | Information release: CBC-25-SUB-0010 Telecommunications<br>Sector Regulatory Review: Terms of Reference | 5 September  |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv) |   |              |
| MFR2025-243   | Draft Product Labelling Review Terms of Reference   | 18 September |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv) |   |              |
| MFR2025-245   | Final Product Labelling Review Terms of Reference   | 30 September |

## **Announcements & Engagements**

### **Ministerial activity**

| Date          | Location   | Details   | Opportunity                                   |
|---------------|------------|---|---|
| TBC September | Wellington | Release of the first RIA compliance report                    | Press release                                 |
| 10 September  | Auckland   | Minister's speech to Financial<br>Services Council conference | Speech  |
| 11 September  | Wellington | Launch of 'Reg Room' event<br>hosted by the Ministry          | Minister to address small group of regulators |

### **Ministry for Regulation activity**

| Date          | Details  |
|---------------|--|
| TBC September | Publication of the first RIA compliance reporting on the Ministry website  |
| 10 September  | Chief Executive panellist Financial Services Council Annual Conference - small, strategic changes to financial regulation that can shape a better further for New Zealanders |
| 11 September  | Reg Room Launch event and public sector communications campaign  |

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### **Updates**

#### **Telecommunications Review**

For information

Public consultation for the Review launched on 28 August, with a joint press release between yourself and Minister Goldsmith. The Review team has also invited all stakeholders that have engaged in the Review to date to submit on the options. 

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#### **Industrial Hemp**

For information

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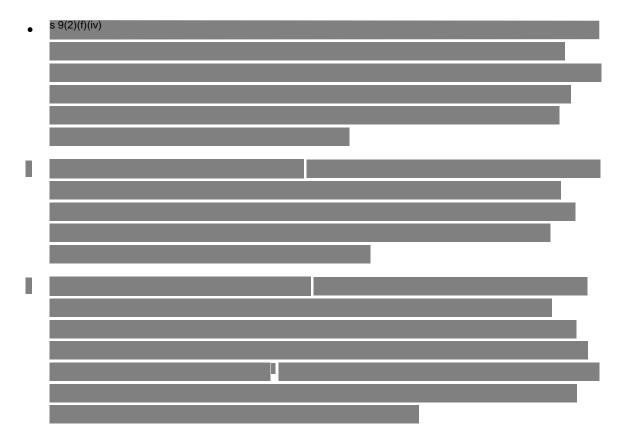
### **Product Labelling Review**

For information

As of 25 August 2025, we have received 83 submissions through the online questionnaire and have had direct engagement meetings with approximately 35 businesses and industry bodies. Between 2 and 4 September, we will begin agency consultation on key insights and potential scoping areas.

| We are working through analysis of sus 9(2)(f)(iv) | ubmissions. <sup>s 9(2)(1)(IV)</sup> |  |
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#### **Regulatory Response Team / Red Tape Tipline**

For information

As of 26 August 2025, the Ministry has received a total of 1205 submissions on red tape issues. We currently have 36 investigations underway (relating to 162 public submissions).

We are continuing to work through the higher than usual number of submissions we have received since 5 August 2025. A significant proportion of submissions received since that date are related to building consent and resource management issues.

We will provide you with a briefing in mid-September that will include a summary of the issues coming through the Red Tape Tipline and a clear section on recommendations for deregulatory outcomes that can be pursued. Below is a list of some of the issues that we are currently investigating, noting that not all of these will lead to recommendations for deregulatory action.



Table 1: Issues under investigation

| Title   | Source                                | Investigation stage |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| s 9(2)(f)(iv)   |                                       |                     |
| s 9(2)(f)(iv)   | <u>.</u>                              | ;                   |
| Swimming pools (frequency of inspections/compliance requirements) (MFR2025-186) | Investigation into public submissions | Investigating       |
| 's 9(2)(f)(iv)  |                                       |                     |

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# **Draft Cabinet paper consultations**

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

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### New or updated papers

| Title         | Probable Committee | Comment |
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