



### COAG Regulation Impact Statement status: 2014-15

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### Compliance with the COAG RIS requirements 2011-12 to 2014-15

Stage	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 <sup>a</sup>		2014-15 <sup>b</sup>	
	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%
Consultation stage <sup>c</sup>	13/16	81	13/14	93	18/19	95	10/10	100
Decision-making stage	13/16	81	12/14	86	7/8	88	8/8	100

<sup>a</sup> Subject to finalisation.

<sup>b</sup> Year to date.

<sup>c</sup> The consultation stage figures for the latest year include consultation RISs undertaken in this year, but for which a corresponding decision is yet to be made. End of year totals for previous years reflect only those consultation RISs for which a decision has also been made in those years.

## Decision Regulation Impact Statements 2014-15

Proposal title	Decision-making body	Compliant?	Consultation RIS?
Emergency Egress for Occupants with Disability	Australian Building Codes Board	Yes	Yes
Fire Hose Reels in New Residential Buildings	Australian Building Codes Board	Yes	Yes
Interconnection of Smoke Alarms	Australian Building Codes Board	Yes	Yes
Extending Unfair Contract Term Protections to Small Businesses	Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand	Yes	Yes
Primary Production and Processing Standard for meat and meat products	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Yes	Yes
Maximum level of tutin in honey	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Yes	Yes
Review of Vocational Education and Training Standards	Industry and Skills Council	Yes	Yes
National Livestock Identification System	Standing Council on Primary Industries	Yes	Yes

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## Detailed information

### Australian Building Codes Board

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Emergency Egress for Occupants with Disability	26 Feb 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Australian Building Codes Board agreed to develop a non-regulatory handbook to document a range of measures for reference and use on a case-by-case basis by State, Territory and Local Governments and the building industry. The measures include the use of visual and tactile alarms, the co-location of fire-isolated exits with lifts, the use of accessible paths of travel to exits and improving accessibility of fire isolated exits.

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Fire Hose Reels in New Residential Buildings	28 Nov 2013	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Australian Building Codes Board amended the National Construction Code (NCC), removing the previous requirement for fire hose reels to be installed in some new residential buildings and replacing it with a requirement for the installation of additional fire extinguishers. This change will deliver an estimated net benefit of \$138 million (in net present value terms), while still maintaining acceptable fire safety standards.

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Interconnection of Smoke Alarms	28 Nov 2013	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) agreed to introduce a requirement in the Building Code of Australia (BCA) to require interconnection of smoke alarms in dwellings and sole-occupancy units. Smoke alarms installed to comply with the BCA provisions are required to be located in strategic positions, in order to facilitate an early response by occupants to a fire within a dwelling.

### Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Extending Unfair Contract Term Protections to Small Businesses	13 April 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs endorsed the extension of consumer unfair contract term protections for standard form contracts to small businesses. The RIS concludes that the introduction of an Unfair Contract Terms regime for contracts offered to small businesses would result in fairer contract terms and a potentially more efficient distribution of risk.

## Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Primary Production and Processing Standard for meat and meat products	25 July 2014	Yes	Yes	Yes

FSANZ have made a variation to a Primary Production and Processing Standard for Meat and Meat Products. This change established regulation for traceability, input and waste management for meat primary producers directly under the food regulatory system. This change allows regulators to investigate food safety issues on-farm without the need to activate emergency powers. This will help regulators respond more quickly in the event of a food safety incident, which may help to limit the economic consequences from food safety incidents associated with meat or meat products.

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Maximum level of tutin in honey	29 Oct 2014	Yes	Yes	Yes

FSANZ have approved a variation to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to provide for maximum levels for tutin in honey and comb honey. The new regulation may result in higher testing and blending costs for some New Zealand honey producers, but will reduce the risk to public health from tutin poisoning.

## Industry and Skills Council


Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Review of Vocational Education and Training Standards	26 Sep 2014	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Commonwealth Minister for Industry has made two new standards: *Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015* and *Standards for VET Regulators 2015*. The new standards seek to address concerns from employers and others expressed with inconsistency in the relevance and quality of vocational education and training. Specific areas targeted by new standards are the industry-relevance of the development and delivery of training, inadequate skills and knowledge of some VET trainers and assessors, and insufficient information for consumers. The changes are expected to cost the sector \$32.6 million, but are also expected to provide ongoing savings of around \$5 million a year.

## Standing Council on Primary Industries

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
National Livestock Identification System	22 Oct 2014	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Minister for Agriculture announced an agreement to make improvements to the National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) for sheep and goats. The scheme is important for managing biosecurity, food safety, and animal welfare risks. The new enhanced mob-based system should result in better verification and enforcement of business rules throughout the supply chain. This system will be



reviewed after five years to see if a further transition to a fully electronic identification system is cost effective at that time.

## Appendix A – RISs prepared for consultation

The following COAG consultation RISs have been published for consultation during the current financial year.

Proposal	Decision-making body	Closing date
Registered Medical Practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures	Medical Board of Australia	29 May 2015
National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguarding Framework	COAG Disability Reform Council	30 April 2015
Hydrocyanic Acid in Apricot Kernels and other Foods	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	10 Feb 2015
Proposed changes to the National Quality Framework for Education and Care Services	Education Council	16 Jan 2015
Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Livestock in Saleyards and Depots	Agriculture Ministers' Forum	12 Dec 2014
Options to ensure that plumbing and drainage products are fit for purpose	Australian Building Codes Board	31 Oct 2014
Emergency Egress for Occupants with Disability	Australian Building Codes Board	31 Oct 2014
Review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professions	Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council	10 Oct 2014
Toxic chemicals of security concern	Council of Australian Governments (Attorney General's Department)	27 Aug 2014

### **Registered Medical Practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures** (*Medical Board of Australia*)

The Consultation RIS seeks feedback on issues relating to medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures, the effectiveness of current regulation of medical practitioners providing these procedures, and whether additional safeguards are needed.

Published: 4 June 2015

### **National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguarding Framework** (*COAG Disability Reform Council*)

The national framework seeks to maximise the opportunities for people with disability to make decisions about their supports while also enabling them to live free from abuse, neglect and exploitation. The framework also seeks to promote innovation, continuous improvement and best practice in the provision of supports.

Published: 13 May 2015

### **Hydrocyanic Acid in Apricot Kernels and other Foods** (*Food Standards Australia New Zealand*)

The proposal outlines a risk management plan concerning the presence of hydrocyanic acid in apricot kernels and other foods. Consumption of raw apricot kernels poses an acute public health and safety risk for consumers due to the risk of cyanide poisoning (from the release of hydrocyanic acid) which can lead to death.

The proposal examines whether measures can be put in place to manage future potential public health and safety issues. The range of options considered include maintaining the status quo, though to labelling options, and banning the sale of some raw apricot kernels.

Published: 6 January 2014

### **Proposed changes to the National Quality Framework for Education and Care Services** (*Education Council*)

A number of changes are being proposed to the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010*, the *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*, and to associated guidance material, all of which are part of the National Quality Framework (NQF).

The proposed changes include the regulation of Family Day Care services and Outside School Hours Care, as well as the possibility of expanding the scope of services regulated under the NQF.

Published: 24 November 2014

### **Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Livestock in Saleyards and Depots** (*Agriculture Ministers' Forum*)

A national standard and guidelines are proposed to replace the existing Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals at Saleyards. Implementing the proposed national standard to replace the various state and territory codes of practice would create nationally consistent rules for the care and management of livestock during their transition through saleyards and depots in Australia. The proposed nationalised rules will reduce the risks to the welfare of livestock, and to a lesser extent reduce the uncertainty for the industry and lower the regulatory burden.

The COAG Consultation RIS was prepared by the Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries.

Published: 27 October 2014

### **Emergency Egress for Occupants with Disability** (*Australian Building Codes Board*)

There are five proposed amendments to the National Construction Code provisions that aim to enhance emergency egress for people with a disability.

Published: 24 October 2014



**Options to ensure that plumbing and drainage products are fit for purpose** (*Australian Building Codes Board*)

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) released a consultation paper examining options to ensure that regulation of plumbing and draining products, including their installation, make adequate provision for the health and safety of building occupants.

The options considered include: an enhanced WaterMark scheme (focussed on health and safety objectives); a voluntary WaterMark scheme; and general certification under the Plumbing Code of Australia without WaterMark.

Published: 8 October 2014

**Review of The National Registration And Accreditation Scheme For Health Professionals** (*Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council*)

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professions oversees the safe practice and regulation of health professionals in Australia. The consultation paper considers the achievements of the National Scheme against its key objectives and guiding principles. The paper also assesses the future sustainability of the scheme, its administration and how it interfaces with other regulatory systems operating in States and Territories. The consultation paper identifies several areas for potential reform including in relation to governance, complaints and notifications, and accountability.

Published: 17 September 2014

**Toxic chemicals of security concern** (*Council of Australian Governments*)

The paper examines proposed measures to enhance chemical security in relation to 84 toxic chemicals of security concern. These include a variety of industrial, agricultural and veterinary chemicals. These toxic chemicals have the potential to be exploited by individuals and groups for criminal purposes – particularly terrorism and organised crime.

Published: 25 July 2014

## Appendix B – RISs currently being used for consultation

The following COAG consultation RISs have been published and are currently being used for consultation.

Proposal	Decision-making body	Closing date
Intense Pulsed Light Sources and Lasers for Cosmetic or Beauty Therapy	Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency	31 July 2015

### **Intense Pulsed Light Sources and Lasers for Cosmetic or Beauty Therapy** (*Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency*)

The Consultation RIS seeks feedback on issues relating to Intense Pulsed Light sources (IPLs) and Lasers for Cosmetic or Beauty Therapy, to reduce the incidents of serious injury among people receiving commercial treatment.

Published: 5 June 2015

Closing Date for Submissions: 31 July 2015

## Regulation Impact Statement compliance 2014-15 (by proposal)

	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
<b>Australian Building Codes Board</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>3/3</b>
Emergency Egress for Occupants with Disability	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fire Hose Reels in New Residential Buildings	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interconnection of Smoke Alarms	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
Extending Unfair Contract Term Protections to Small Businesses	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Food Standards Australia New Zealand</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>
Primary Production and Processing Standard for meat and meat products	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum level of tutin in honey	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Industry and Skills Council</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
Review of Vocational Education and Training Standards	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Standing Council on Primary Industries</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
National Livestock Identification System	Yes	Yes	Yes