



### COAG Regulation Impact Statement status: 2015-16

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### Compliance with the COAG RIS requirements 2012-13 to 2015-16

Stage	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%	ratio	%
Consultation stage <sup>a</sup>	13/14	93	7/8	88	8/8	100	12/13	92
Decision-making stage	12/14	86	7/8	88	8/8	100	10/13	77

<sup>a</sup> The consultation stage figures relate to those decisions at the consultation stage for a which a corresponding decision RIS at the decision-making stage has been announced.

### COAG Consultation RISs prepared 2012-13 to 2015-16

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Consultation RISs prepared <sup>a</sup>	23	11	10	9

<sup>a</sup> These numbers represent all Consultation RISs that were prepared and published in the relevant financial year.

## Decision Regulation Impact Statements 2015-16

Proposal title	Decision-making body	Compliant?	Consultation RIS?
Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle	Agriculture Ministers' Forum	Yes	Yes
Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep	Agriculture Ministers' Forum	Yes	Yes
Toxic Chemicals of Security Concern	Council of Australian Governments	Yes	Yes
Regulation of paramedics	COAG Health Council	No	Yes
Country of Origin Labelling for Food	Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand	Yes	Yes
Free Range Egg Labelling	Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand	Yes	Yes
GST threshold for overseas goods	Council on Federal Financial Relations	No	No
Hydrocyanic acid in apricot kernels	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	Yes	Yes
Registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures	Medical Board of Australia	No	Yes
National standard for environmental risk management of industrial chemicals	Meeting of Environment Ministers	Yes	Yes
Reducing emissions from small engines	Meeting of Environment Ministers	Yes	Yes
Reducing emissions from wood heaters	Meeting of Environment Ministers	Yes	Yes
Changes to the heavy vehicle roadworthiness program	Transport and Infrastructure Council	Yes	Yes

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## Detailed information

### Agriculture Ministers' Forum

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle	14 Dec 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guidelines and standards to improve cattle welfare in relation to practices including castration, spaying, dehorning and tail docking.				

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep	14 Dec 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guidelines and standards to improve sheep welfare in relation to practices including castration, mulesing and tail docking.				

### Council of Australian Governments

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Toxic Chemicals of Security Concern	2 May 2016	Yes	Yes	Yes
The Australian Government added four chemicals to a revised voluntary National Code of Practice for Chemicals of Security Concern. The Code promotes effective chemical security management practices.				

### COAG Health Council

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Regulation of paramedics	6 Nov 2015	Yes	No	N/A
The COAG Health Council (CHC) agreed to regulate paramedics under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. The proposed regulation includes the setting of professional standards for conduct and entry to the labour force for paramedics. An adequate Regulation Impact Statement was not prepared to inform the decision by the CHC, resulting in the decision being assessed as non-compliant with the Council of Australian Governments' best practice regulation requirements.				

### Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Country of Origin Labelling for Food	31 March 2016	Yes	Yes	Yes
Introduced a requirement for certain foods to provide more detailed information on country of origin, and removed the production cost test from the safe harbor protections for businesses making country of origin claims.				

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
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Free Range Egg Labelling	31 March 2016	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Consumer Affairs Ministers agreed to the introduction of a new information standard requiring eggs labelled as 'free range' to have been laid by hens with meaningful and regular access to the outdoors, with an outdoor stocking density of 10,000 hens per hectare or fewer. The information standard will also require producers to prominently disclose the outdoor stocking density of hens laying free range eggs, allowing consumers to easily compare the practices of different egg producers.

### Council on Federal Financial Relations

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
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GST threshold for overseas goods	21 Aug 2015	No	No	N/A
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The Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) announced that the threshold for Goods and Service Tax (GST) on imported goods would drop from \$1,000 to zero from 1 July 2017. In making this decision the CFFR did not comply with the Council of Australian Governments' best practice regulation requirements to prepare a RIS.

### Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
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Hydrocyanic acid in apricot kernels	17 Sep 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) approved a variation to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to prohibit the retail sale of raw apricot kernels to consumers, and to further regulate kernels that are to be added to food as an ingredient.

### Medical Board of Australia

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
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Registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures	9 May 2016	Yes	No	N/A
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On 9 May 2016 the Medical Board of Australia issued mandatory guidelines to apply to all registered medical practitioners who perform cosmetic medical or surgical procedures. An adequate Decision RIS was not prepared to inform the decision, resulting in the decision being assessed as non-compliant with the Council of Australian Governments' best practice regulation requirements.

## Meeting of Environment Ministers

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
National standard for environmental risk management of industrial chemicals	18 Nov 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Meeting of Environment Ministers consented to the development of a national cooperative framework to implement a national standard to address environmental risk management of industrial chemicals in Australia. Under the agreed national cooperative framework, the national standard will be established under Commonwealth legislation with automatic adoption under jurisdictional legislation for implementation and compliance.

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Reducing emissions from small engines	15 Dec 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Meeting of Environment Ministers introduced emission standards for small engines, such as lawn mowers and boat motors. The standards will set limits on emissions such as particulate matter, which is associated with causing breathing problems.

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Reducing emissions from wood heaters	15 Dec 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Meeting of Environment Ministers agreed to measures to reduce air pollution from wood heaters, including the adoption of new emission and efficiency standards for new wood heaters and sharing best management practices across jurisdictions.

## Transport and Infrastructure Council

Proposal	Decision date	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
Changes to the heavy vehicle roadworthiness program	6 Nov 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Transport and Infrastructure Council announced changes to heavy vehicle roadworthiness requirements. The changes are intended to address safety concerns and economic costs stemming from inconsistent roadworthiness inspections for trucks across jurisdictions.

## Appendix A - RISs prepared for consultation in 2015-16

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

Proposal	Decision-making body	Closing date
Lupin as a Food Allergen	Food Standards Australia New Zealand	28 July 2016
Precursor Chemicals and Equipment	Law, Crime and Community Safety Council	17 June 2016
Automatic Fire Suppression Systems for Covered Balconies in Residential Buildings	Australian Building Codes Board	26 April 2016
Increasing Energy Efficiency of Air Conditioners and Chillers	COAG Energy Council	18 March 2016
Managing Risks Associated with Lead in the Workplace: Blood Lead Levels and Exposure Standards	Safe Work Australia	26 February 2016
Country of Origin Labelling for Food	Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand	29 January 2016
Free Range Egg Labelling	Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand	2 November 2015
Survey Requirements for Vessels	Australian Maritime Safety Authority	12 October 2015
Explosives Regulation in Australia	Work Health and Safety Ministers	10 September 2015

### **Lupin as a Food Allergen** (*Food Standards Australia New Zealand*)

Food Standards Australia New Zealand released a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for a proposal to regulate food containing lupin as a food allergen.

Published: 25 July 2016

### **Precursor Chemicals and Equipment** (*Law, Crime and Community Safety Council*)

Harmonisation of controls and creation of an electronic end user declaration system to reduce the risk of diversion of precursor chemicals and equipment used in the manufacture of illicit drugs

Published: 6 January 2017

**Automatic Fire Suppression Systems for Covered Balconies in Residential Buildings**  
(*Australian Building Codes Board*)

The Australian Buildings Codes Board released a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) which examines ways to address the risk to building occupants in the case of fire on the balcony of a residential building.

Published: 18 April 2016

**Increasing Energy Efficiency of Air Conditioners and Chillers** (*COAG Energy Council*)

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science released a COAG Consultation RIS on behalf of the Energy Council's Equipment Energy Efficiency (E3) Programme. The Consultation RIS examines options to improve the energy efficiency of air conditioners and chillers.

Published: 4 February 2016

**Managing Risks Associated with Lead in the Workplace: Blood Lead Levels and Exposure Standards** (*Safe Work Australia*)

Safe Work Australia released a COAG RIS for consultation on managing risks associated with lead in the workplace: blood lead levels and exposure standards. Safe Work Australia is seeking comments on the best way to reduce the potential for adverse health outcomes caused by exposure to lead in the workplace.

Published: 27 January 2016

**Country of Origin Labelling for Food** (*Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand*)

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science on behalf of Consumer Affairs Ministers released a COAG RIS for consultation examining changes to improve the country of origin information provided to consumers on food labels.

Published: 22 December 2015

**Free Range Egg Labelling** (*Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand*)

Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand on behalf of Consumer Affairs Ministers released a COAG RIS for consultation canvassing options for a consumer information standard for eggs labelled 'free range'.

Published: 14 October 2015

**Survey Requirements for Vessels** (*Australian Maritime Safety Authority*)

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has released a Consultation RIS examining proposed changes to vessel survey requirements. Existing vessel survey requirements require routine safety inspections for different vessel classes. The Consultation RIS examines the frequency and depth of survey inspections relative to risk.

Published: 16 September 2015





## **Explosives Regulation in Australia** (*Work Health and Safety Ministers*)

Safe Work Australia is conducting a public consultation on behalf of states, territories and the Commonwealth to gather information about issues that the differences in Australian explosives legislation may raise for stakeholders in the explosives industry and members of the public.

Published: 31 July 2015

## Regulation Impact Statement compliance 2015-16 (by proposal)

	Compliant at consultation	Compliant at decision	Final RIS published
<b>Agriculture Ministers' Forum</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>
Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle	Yes	Yes	Yes
Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Council of Australian Governments</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
Toxic Chemicals of Security Concern	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>COAG Health Council</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0/1</b>
Regulation of paramedics	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Consumer Affairs Australia and New Zealand</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/2</b>
Country of Origin Labelling for Food	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Range Egg Labelling	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Council on Federal Financial Relations</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0/1</b>
GST threshold for overseas goods	No	No	N/A
<b>Food Standards Australia New Zealand</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
Hydrocyanic acid in apricot kernels	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Medical Board of Australia</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0/1</b>
Registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Meeting of Environment Ministers</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>3/3</b>
National standard for environmental risk management of industrial chemicals	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reducing emissions from small engines	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reducing emissions from wood heaters	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Transport and Infrastructure Council</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>
Changes to the heavy vehicle roadworthiness program	Yes	Yes	Yes