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## **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**

Proposed Motor Car Traders Regulations 1998

The proposed Regulations remake the Motor Car Traders Regulations 1987 and reflect changes introduced by the **Motor Car Traders (Amendment) Act 1996**. The 1996 Act replaced the existing motor car traders annual licensing system with a perpetual licensing system. Section 13 of the 1996 Act provides for certain fees for the purposes of the new licensing system. The proposed Regulations will commence on the day that section 13 of the 1996 Act comes into operation and will revoke the 1987 Regulations. Section 13 has not yet been proclaimed and will come into operation on 1 July 1998 if it is not proclaimed to commence earlier.

The overall objectives of the proposed Regulations are to ensure that motor car traders meet prescribed standards in the operation of their business, and to determine an appropriate licensing fee structure to enable the Government to fully recover the costs of the motor car traders licensing scheme thereby ensuring the economically efficient use of public sector resources.

The proposed Regulations introduce the following changes:-

- (a) minimum advertising requirements for persons other than motor car traders, their servants and agents who advertise the sale of a motor car in a newspaper or specialist magazine;
- (b) a late fee of \$100 to accompany an application for an extension of time to pay the annual licence fee and lodge an annual statement; and
- (c) a late payment or lodgement fee of \$200 for licensees who fail to comply with the annual licence fee and annual statement requirements under the Act.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Regulations. It considers a draft of the proposed Regulations, and alternatives to them. It concludes that the objectives of the Act are best met by the current form of the proposed Regulations.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations are available from the Legislation Branch, Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs (telephone 9627 6086). Written submissions are invited and must be addressed to the Director, Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs, 3rd Floor, 452 Flinders Street, Melbourne 3000. Submissions must be received at this address no later than 5.00 p.m. on 17 April 1998.

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