

B Reviews of regulation

Table B.1 A selection of reviews of regulation in manufacturing and the distributive trades sectors^a

Sector/Industry	COAG commitments	Productivity Commission work	Australian Government reviews	State government reviews
Manufacturing Food, beverages and tobacco	The BRCWG of COAG is developing reforms for reducing the regulatory burden on businesses and non-profit organisations with respect to food regulation, including consistency in legislation, governance arrangements, uniformity in enforcement, and setting or modifying food standards. Alignment of wine labelling requirements for domestic and export markets expected to be implemented late 2008.	Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation (2010).	Beale review of quarantine and biosecurity (current). Bethwaite review of food regulation (incomplete). ACCC review of grocery prices and horticulture code of conduct (2008). Australian National Audit Office audit of export certification by AQIS (2006).	Victoria: VCEC Review of Food Regulation (2007).
Textiles, leather, clothing and footwear		Review of textile, clothing and footwear assistance (2003).	Review of Australia's textile, clothing and footwear industry (current).	(continued on next page)
Wood, paper and printing	Ensuring best practice regulation making and review processes for the Building Code of Australia and removal of unnecessary state-based variations to the Code.	Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation – land development assessment (2010). Commissioned study into building regulation reform (2004).		

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Petroleum, coal, minerals and metal	A national mine safety framework is being developed with agreement on the new framework expected March 2009.	Commissioned study of regulation of upstream petroleum (oil and gas) (2009).		NSW: report of the Small Business Regulation Review Taskforce into the Manufacturing Sector (2007).
Chemicals, plastics and rubber	Ministerial taskforce established to develop a national system of chemicals and plastics regulation.	Commissioned study into chemicals and plastics regulation to inform the work of the ministerial taskforce (2008). Commissioned study into the impacts of advances in medical technology (2005).	<p>Review of the APVMA's Veterinary post-registration overseas good manufacturing practice compliance scheme (current).</p> <p>Review of PBS supply arrangements in the context of aged care facilities (current).</p> <p>Doyle review of prosthesis listing (2007).</p> <p>Australian National Audit Office audit of pesticides and veterinary medicines regulation (2006).</p> <p>Development of a Medical devices industry action agenda commissioned by Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources (2005).</p> <p>Australian National Audit Office audit of regulation of non-prescription medicinal products (2004).</p> <p>Review of TGA's Consultative arrangements (2004).</p>	

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Transport and machinery	Implementation of national rail safety legislation and a nationally consistent rail safety regulatory framework is underway. Model legislation will be in place in all states, except Tasmania, by the end of 2008. Tasmania will follow in 2009.		Bracks review of the automotive industry (2008). Australian National Audit Office audit of the administration of the Automotive Competitiveness and Investment Scheme (2008). House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage inquiry into the regulation of plumbing product quality (2007). Beale review of quarantine and biosecurity (current). House of Representatives Standing Committee inquiry into coastal shipping (current). ACCC review of grocery prices (2008). ACCC review of petrol prices (2008).	
Distributive trades	Legislation for a nationally consistent trade measurement system administered by the Australian Government will be introduced into parliament by September 2008.			NSW: Better Regulation Office review of shop trading hours (2007).
Generic issues	COAG signed an IGA to commit to adopt a nationally consistent model OHS laws. Full implementation is proposed to occur by 2011.	Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation – occupational health and safety (2009).	National review of occupational health and safety laws (current).	

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Environmental regulation	<p>Bilateral agreements between each state government and the Australian Government for environmental assessment and approval processes to be complete by 31 August 2008. Further opportunities for streamlining to be presented to COAG in October 2008.</p> <p>A plan for achieving the national mandatory renewable energy target is due by 2009.</p>	<p>Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation (2010).</p> <p>Submission to the Garnaut Climate Change Review (2008).</p> <p>Inquiry into waste management (2006).</p> <p>Inquiry into improving the private cost effectiveness of energy efficiency (2005).</p> <p>Commissioned study into mutual recognition arrangements (2009).</p>	<p>Garnaut climate change review involves State, Territory and Australian Governments (current).</p> <p>Wilkins review of climate change policies (2008).</p> <p>Senate Inquiry into the management of Australia's waste streams (2008).</p> <p>Review of the National Pollution Inventory (2005).</p>	
Mutual recognition	<p>COAG has agreed to a national system of trade licensing with an inter governmental agreement to be endorsed in December 2008.</p>			
Business regulation and taxation	<p>Harmonisation of payroll tax administration. Implementation began in July 2008.</p> <p>All Australian governments agreed to a national system of registration for Australian Business Numbers and business names, an implementation strategy will be presented to COAG in October 2008.</p> <p>Standardisation of reporting requirements – a multi-agency program of standard business reporting is due for implementation in 2010.</p>	<p>Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation – payroll tax administration (2009).</p> <p>Performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation (2008).</p>	<p>Henry review of Australia's tax system (current).</p> <p>Board of Taxation (Treasury) review of legal framework for GST administration (current).</p> <p>Board of Taxation study of small business tax compliance costs (2007).</p> <p>Australian National Audit Office audit of the administration of ABN registrations (2003 and follow up audit in 2007).</p> <p>Report of the Taskforce on Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Business (2006).</p> <p>Australian National Audit Office audit of the administration of petroleum and tobacco excise collections (2001 and 2006).</p>	<p>NSW: IPART Investigation into the burden of regulation in NSW and improving regulatory efficiency (2006).</p> <p>NSW: IPART review of state taxation (current).</p>

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Other		<p>Commissioned study into public support for science and innovation (2007).</p> <p>Commissioned study into standards setting and laboratory accreditation (2006).</p>	<p>Review of the national innovation system conducted by a panel of experts (current).</p> <p>Reviews of patentable subject matter and post-grant patent enforcement strategies (current).</p> <p>Review of the Comcare scheme (current).</p> <p>Deegan review of 457 visa program integrity (current).</p> <p>External reference group report on efficiency and flexibility of 457 visa program (2008).</p> <p>Australian National Audit Office audit of the Australia Research Council's management of research grants (2006).</p>	

a This is not an exhaustive list of reviews undertaken by Australian governments and associated agencies, it contains a selection of current, recent and announced reviews relevant to the manufacturing and distribution sectors.