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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT Trade Measurement Regulations 1995

Notice is given in accordance with Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Trade Measurement Regulations 1995.

The Victorian Government recently enacted the **Trade Measurement Act 1995** which adopts the model uniform trade measurement legislation and the **Trade Measurement (Administration) Act 1995** which repeals the **Weights and Measures Act 1958** and provides specific provisions for the administration of UTML in Victoria.

The proposed regulations consolidate the four principal uniform regulations made under UTML: Trade Measurement (Weighbridges) Regulations; Trade Measurement (Measuring Instruments) Regulations; Trade Measurement (Miscellaneous) Regulations and the Trade Measurement (Pre-Packed) Regulations. In addition, the proposed regulations include regulations made under the **Trade Measurement (Administration) Act 1995**.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to provide business and consumer confidence in the integrity of the trade measurement system, a national uniform approach and to recover the full cost of services provided by Trade Measurement Victoria.

The proposed regulations will introduce the following key reforms:

- * removal of periodic re-verification of measuring instruments;
- * lower certification fees; and
- * infringement notices.

The Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) proposed voluntary codes of practice and the annual registration of measuring instruments as alternatives. The RIS acknowledges the potential development of voluntary codes for a limited sector of the service licensees and

supports further discussion as part of the current national review. The RIS does not support the annual registration of measuring instruments on the grounds that it is a less efficient and equitable means of funding Trade Measurement Victoria.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting Len Brighton or Paul Russell, of Trade Measurement Victoria on (03) 9882 2533.

Written submissions will be received up to 5.00 p.m. on 8 December 1995 at the following address: Martin Oakley, Office of Regulation Reform, 3rd Floor, 100 Exhibition Street, Melbourne 3000.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 11 November 1995

RIK HART
Secretary

Department of Business and Employment

Fisheries Act 1968 FISHERIES NOTICE No. 22/1995 Fisheries (Scallop—Ocean Fishery) (Close Season) Notice No. 22/1995

I, Charles Geoffrey Coleman, Minister for Natural Resources, after consultation with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, make the following Fisheries Notice:

Dated 9 November 1995

C. G. COLEMAN
Minister for Natural Resources

Title

1. This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Scallop—Ocean Fishery) (Close Season) Notice No. 22/1995.

Objectives

2. The objectives of this Notice are to fix the close season for the taking of scallops from Victorian waters other than Port Phillip Bay.

Commencement

3. This Notice comes into operation on 13 November 1995.

Authorising provision

4. This Notice is made under section 80 of the Fisheries Act 1968.

Close season

5. A person must not use a dredge for taking scallops from Victorian waters other than Port Phillip Bay during the period commencing on 13 November 1995 and ending on 29 February 1996.

Penalty

6. Any person who contravenes this Notice is liable to a penalty of 20 penalty units.

Fisheries Act 1968

FISHERIES NOTICE No. 23/1995
Fisheries (Rock Lobster—Open Season) Notice
No. 23/1995

I, Charles Geoffrey Coleman, Minister for Natural Resources, after consultation with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, make the following Fisheries Notice:
Dated 9 November 1995

C. G. COLEMAN
Minister for Natural Resources

Title

1. This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Rock Lobster—Open Season) Notice No. 23/1995.

Objective

2. The objective of this Notice is to allow holders of crayfish licences to set crayfish pots up to 12 hours prior to the commencement of the open season for rock lobster, to facilitate an orderly and safe start to the open season.

Authorising provision

3. This Notice is made under section 80 of the Fisheries Act 1968.

Commencement

4. This Notice commences on 14 November 1995.

Amendment of close season provisions

5. Despite anything to the contrary in regulation 9 (3) (b) of the *Fishing (Crayfish) Regulations 1989, a person operating a registered fishing boat licensed to take crayfish for sale, may leave or have a crayfish pot or crayfish coff immersed or set in any Victorian waters between the hours of 12.00 noon and 12.00 midnight on 15 November 1995.

Restriction on leaving wharf, jetty or pier

6. A person operating a registered fishing boat licensed to take crayfish for sale, must not leave the wharf, pier or jetty with a crayfish pot or crayfish coff on board the boat between the hours of 12.00 midnight on 14 November 1995 and 12.00 noon on 15 November 1995.

Penalty

7. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Notice is liable to a penalty of 20 penalty units.

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