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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Tobacco Amendment (Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Regulations 2025

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Tobacco Amendment (Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Regulations 2025 (Amendment Regulations).

The proposed Amendment Regulations will be made under section 43 of the **Tobacco Act 1987**. The proposal is to support the operationalisation of a tobacco business licensing scheme, introduced by the **Tobacco Amendment (Tobacco Retailer and Wholesaler Licensing Scheme) Act 2024**, by prescribing categories of licences; fees payable for licence applications, including applications for transfer and renewal; licensing conditions; information required to be provided in applications; and infringement offences and penalties.

#### Objectives

The objective of the Amendment Regulations is to allow the Victorian Government to operationalise a tobacco business licensing scheme to regulate the lawful supply of tobacco products in Victoria, minimise the harms associated with tobacco use and combat the growing market for illicit tobacco in Victoria.

The RIS explores the base case and possible options for different categories of licences, licensing fees, licensing conditions and information required to be provided with applications. The RIS explains the methods used to cost the implementation and operation of a tobacco business licensing scheme in Victoria, taking into consideration the Victorian Government's *Pricing for Value Guide*. The preferred options prescribe basic categorisation, fees and minimum standardised conditions for retailers and wholesalers. These options will strengthen controls to obstruct the flow of illicit tobacco and allow for greater monitoring of the sales of tobacco through record-keeping and periodic sales reporting by licensees.

#### Submissions

Submissions on the RIS and proposed Amendment Regulations are invited and must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday 22 April 2025. The submissions will be considered before the proposed Amendment Regulations are made. Please note that all submissions will be treated as public documents unless a submission clearly indicates that it is confidential. Submissions are also subject to the **Freedom of Information Act 1982**, and copies will be provided to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee.

You can make a submission via the Engage Victoria website at: [www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au)

Copies of the RIS and proposed Amendment Regulations can be obtained from the Engage Victoria website at [www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au)

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