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Regulations under the *Essential Goods and Services Act 1981*

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Essential Goods and Services Regulations 2026*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the commencement of section 17 of the *Consumer Affairs and Essential Goods and Services Legislation Amendment Act 2026*.

3 Definitions

In these Regulations:

infringement notice, for Part 2, see regulation 5.

infringement notice offence, for Part 2, see regulation 4(1).

prescribed amount, for Part 2, see regulation 4(2).

Part 2 Infringement notice offences

4 Infringement notice offence and prescribed amount payable

- (1) An ***infringement notice offence*** is an offence against a provision specified in the Schedule.
- (2) The ***prescribed amount*** for an infringement notice offence is the amount equal to the monetary value of the number of penalty units specified for the offence in the Schedule.

5 When infringement notice may be given

If an authorised officer believes on reasonable grounds that a person has committed an infringement notice offence, the officer may give a notice (an ***infringement notice***) to the person.

6 Contents of infringement notice

- (1) The infringement notice must specify the following:
 - (a) the name and address of the person to whom it is issued, if known;
 - (b) the date the infringement notice is given to the person;
 - (c) the date and time of the infringement notice offence and the place at which the infringement notice offence occurred;
 - (d) a description of the offence;
 - (e) the prescribed amount payable for the offence;
 - (f) the enforcement agency to which the prescribed amount is payable.
- (2) The infringement notice must include a statement to the effect of the following:
 - (a) the person may expiate the infringement notice offence and avoid any further action in relation to the offence by paying the prescribed amount to the specified enforcement agency within 28 days after the notice is given;
 - (b) the person may elect to have the offence dealt with by a court by:
 - (i) completing a statement of election and giving it to the specified enforcement agency; and
 - (ii) not paying the prescribed amount;
 - (c) if the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act 2001* applies to the infringement notice offence – enforcement action may be taken under that Act if the person does nothing in response to the notice.
- (3) The infringement notice must include an appropriate form for making the statement of election mentioned in subregulation (2)(b)(i).

7 Electronic payment and payment by cheque

- (1) If the person uses electronic means to pay the prescribed amount, payment is not effected until the amount is credited to the payee's bank account.
- (2) If the person tenders a cheque in payment of the prescribed amount, payment is not effected unless the cheque is cleared on first presentation.

8 Expiation of offence

If the prescribed amount for the infringement notice offence is paid in accordance with the infringement notice, the alleged offence is expiated and no further proceedings can be taken in relation to the offence.

9 Withdrawal of infringement notice

- (1) An authorised officer may withdraw the infringement notice by written notice given to the person.
- (2) The notice must be given:
 - (a) within 28 days after the infringement notice is given to the person; and
 - (b) before payment of the prescribed amount.

10 Effect of Part

- (1) This Part does not prejudice or affect the start or continuation of proceedings for an infringement notice offence for which an infringement notice has been given unless the offence is expiated.
- (2) This Part does not:
 - (a) require an infringement notice to be given; or
 - (b) affect the liability of a person to be prosecuted in a court for an offence for which an infringement notice has not been given; or
 - (c) prevent more than one infringement notice for the same offence being given to a person.
- (3) If more than one infringement notice for the same offence has been given to a person, the person may expiate the offence by paying the prescribed amount in accordance with any of the notices.

Schedule Infringement notice offences and prescribed amounts

regulation 4

Item	Provision	Prescribed amount in penalty units	
		for individual	for body corporate
<i>Essential Goods and Services Act 1981</i>			
1	sections 11L(1), 11P(1) and 13(2)	20	100

ENDNOTES

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KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended
app = appendix
bl = by-law
ch = Chapter
cl = clause
div = Division
exp = expires/expired
f = forms
Gaz = *Gazette*
hdg = heading
ins = inserted
lt = long title
nc = not commenced

od = order
om = omitted
pt = Part
r = regulation/rule
rem = remainder
renum = renumbered
rep = repealed
s = section
sch = Schedule
sdiv = Subdivision
SL = Subordinate Legislation
sub = substituted

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LIST OF LEGISLATION

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