

## Magistrates Court (Fair Trading Australian Consumer Law Infringement Notices) Regulation 2024

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#### **Penalties**

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$160 for an individual and \$810 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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#### 1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the Magistrates Court (Fair Trading Australian Consumer Law Infringement Notices) Regulation 2024.

#### 2 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this regulation is part of this regulation.

- Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this regulation defines certain terms used in this regulation.
- Note 2 A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire regulation unless the definition, or another provision of the regulation, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see Legislation Act, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

#### 3 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

#### 4 Purpose of regulation

The purpose of this regulation is to provide for infringement notices under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 for an offence against the relevant provision.

Note The Magistrates Court Act 1930, pt 3.8 provides a system of infringement notices for offences against various territory laws. The infringement notice system is intended to provide an alternative to prosecution.

#### 5 Administering authority

The administering authority for an infringement notice offence against the relevant provision is the commissioner for fair trading.

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#### 6 Infringement notice offence

The *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, part 3.8 applies to an offence against the relevant provision.

#### 7 Infringement notice penalty

- (1) The penalty payable by an individual for an offence against the relevant provision, under an infringement notice for the offence, is \$960.
- (2) The penalty payable by a corporation for an offence against the relevant provision, under an infringement notice for the offence, is \$4,800.
- (3) The cost of serving a reminder notice for an infringement notice offence against the relevant provision is \$34.

### 8 Contents of infringement notices—identifying authorised person

An infringement notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the relevant provision must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) the authorised person's full name, or surname and initials; or
- (b) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the authorised person by the administering authority.

#### 9 Contents of infringement notices—other information

(1) An infringement notice served on a company by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the relevant provision must include the company's ACN.

Note This requirement under this section is additional to the requirement under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, s 121 (1) (c).

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#### (2) In this section:

company means a company registered under the Corporations Act.

### 10 Contents of reminder notices—identifying authorised person

A reminder notice served on a person by an authorised person for an infringement notice offence against the relevant provision must identify the authorised person by—

- (a) the authorised person's full name, or surname and initials; or
- (b) any unique number given, for this regulation, to the authorised person by the administering authority.

#### 11 Authorised person for infringement notice offences

An authorised person may serve the following:

- (a) an infringement notice for an infringement notice offence against the relevant provision;
- (b) a reminder notice for an infringement notice offence against the relevant provision.

#### 12 Prescribed person—Act, s 135 (1)

A public servant is prescribed.

### **Dictionary**

(see s 2)

- Note 1 The Legislation Act contains definitions relevant to this regulation. For example:
  - corporation
  - Corporations Act
  - individual
  - public servant.
- Note 2 Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*. For example, the following terms are defined in that Act, dict:
  - administering authority
  - infringement notice
  - infringement notice offence
  - infringement notice penalty
  - reminder notice.

authorised person means an investigator appointed under the Fair Trading (Australian Consumer Law) Act 1992, section 36.

*relevant provision* means the *Fair Trading (Australian Consumer Law) Act 1992*, section 34GA (1).

#### **Endnotes**

#### 1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

#### 2 Abbreviation key

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A = Act NI = Notifiable instrument

AF = Approved form o = order

am = amendedom = omitted/repealedamdt = amendmentord = ordinance

AR = Assembly resolution orig = original ch = chapter par = paragraph/subparagraph

CN = Commencement notice pres = present

def = definition prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument (prev...) = previously

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative} & \mbox{$r = rule/subrule} \\ \mbox{Assembly} & \mbox{$reloc = relocated} \\ \mbox{div = division} & \mbox{$renum = renumbered} \end{array}$ 

exp = expires/expired

Gaz = gazette

hdg = heading

R[X] = Republication No

RI = reissue

s = section/subsection

IA = Interpretation Act 1967 sch = schedule
ins = inserted/added sdiv = subdivision
LA = Legislation Act 2001 SL = Subordinate law
LR = legislation register sub = substituted

LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996 underlining = whole or part not commenced

mod = modified/modification or to be expired

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#### 3 Legislation history

This regulation was made as part of the *Housing and Consumer Affairs Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (see A2024-29, s 5 and sch 2) and is taken to have been made under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930* A1930-21 (see A2024-29, s 5 (1)).

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