

Repeal of Regulations Postponement Bill (No.2) 2009

FACT SHEET

The *Repeal of Regulations Postponement Bill (No 2) 2009* extends the date at which four sets of Regulations expire to 1 January 2011.

The regulations identified in Schedule 1 of the legislation are as follows:

- The *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Regulations 1996*
- The *Workplace Health and Safety Regulations 1998*
- The *Fair Trading (Code of Practice for Motor Vehicle Traders) Regulations 1996*
- The *Wildlife Regulations 1999*

Specific legislation of this type has been standard, annual business of government since 2005, and is required due to provisions of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992*. Such a Bill can be anticipated once or more each year, most commonly at the end of the year as most Regulations tend to expire then.

It is the mechanism by which government ensures continuation of administration of legislation in cases where it has not been practicable to remake the subordinate legislation before it is due to be repealed. These repeals occur either under the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1992* or, if the Regulations have already been extended, under the previous year's postponement legislation.

This is the second Bill of its type to come to Parliament this year. Another set of Regulations that could not yet be replaced were due to expire in October 2009 and could not be included in the normal cycle. They and two related Regulations, due to expire in June 2010, were covered by the earlier Bill.

Nothing in this Bill prevents any of the specified Regulations being rescinded before January 2011, and that is expected to occur in three of the four cases in this Bill. However, the *Workplace Health and Safety Regulations 1998* are expected to continue for one further year, by which date they are due to be replaced by nationally agreed Regulations.