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Office of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Cabinet Legislation Committee

Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 (Amendments to Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003) Commencement Order 2025

Proposal

- 1 I am seeking authorisation for the submission of the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 (Amendments to Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003) Commencement Order 2025 (the **Commencement Order**) to the Executive Council.

Background

- 2 The Commencement Order brings into force legislated operational amendments to the Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003 (the **MVSA**), made by the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 (the **Act**).

Policy

3. The **MVSA** is a key component of New Zealand's consumer protection framework, regulating the registration of motor vehicle traders and promoting transparency in vehicle transactions. The amendments to the MVSA, set out in Part 15 of the Act, form part of a broader omnibus legislative package designed to maintain and improve the performance of New Zealand's regulatory systems.
4. The amendments will enhance the operational integrity of the MVSA by streamlining registration processes, strengthening privacy protections and improving administrative efficiency. These include updates to the application form, revisions to data collection requirements and enhancements to the register of motor vehicle traders.

The Commencement Order

- 3 Under s2(2)(a)(v) of the Act, Part 15 is to come into force on a date set by Order in Council. Any provisions of the Act that have not yet come into force by the third anniversary of Royal assent will automatically come into force.
- 5 The Commencement Order provides a date of 22 October 2025 for the amendments outlined in Part 15 to come into force. This date has been determined to allow for the required operational and system adjustments that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (**MBIE**) must undertake to support the implementation of Part 15.

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- 6 Subject to Cabinet authorisation and following the Commencement Order being signed by the Governor-General in Council, MBIE will ensure that the operational and system adjustments required to support the amendments to the MVSA are in place.

Timing and 28-day rule

- 7 The Commencement Order brings Part 15 of the Act into force on 22 October 2025, which is compliant with the 28-day rule.

Compliance

- 8 The proposals in this paper are consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, the Human Rights Act 1993, the Privacy Act 1990, relevant international standards and obligations and the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee Legislation Guidelines (2021 edition).
- 9 The Commencement Order will fulfil the requirement of section 2(2)(a)(v) of the Act that Part 15 must be brought into force by Order in Council.

Regulations Review Committee

- 10 There are no grounds for the Regulations Review Committee to draw the regulations to the attention of the House of Representatives.

Certification by Parliamentary Counsel

- 11 The Parliamentary Counsel Office has certified that the Commencement Order is in order for submission to the Executive Council.

Impact Analysis

- 12 A Regulatory Impact Assessment is not required as the amendments within Part 15 are minor and technical in nature [ref: DEV-21-MIN-0088].

Publicity

- 13 Notice of the Commencement Order will be published in the New Zealand Gazette.

Proactive release

- 14 I propose to release this paper proactively within 30 business days. Any redactions made will be consistent with the Official Information Act 1982.

Consultation

- 15 No further consultation is required for the Commencement Order.

Recommendations

I recommend that the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **note** that on 29 March 2025, the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 received Royal Assent and Part 15 of that Act, outlining

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amendments to the Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003, is brought into force on a date specified by Order in Council;

- 2 **agree** that Part 15 of the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 be brought into force on 22 October 2025;
- 3 **note** that the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 (Amendments to Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003) Commencement Order 2025 will give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 2 above;
- 4 **authorise** the submission to the Executive Council of the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 (Amendments to Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003) Commencement Order 2025; and
- 5 **note** that the Regulatory Systems (Economic Development) Amendment Act 2025 (Amendments to Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003) Commencement Order 2025 will bring the amendments to the Motor Vehicle Sales Act 2003 outlined in Part 15 into force on 22 October 2025.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Scott Simpson
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