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## 9 NORTHERN TERRITORY

### 9.1 Guide to the Northern Territory legislation review schedule

[Summarised from the *Northern Territory 1996 Annual Report on the Implementation of National Competition Policy*, June 1997. Legislation review progress updated to 31 December 1997 on 25 June 1998.]

#### Legislation Review

The Northern Territory Government has published a program for reviewing all existing Northern Territory legislation which might contain anti-competitive provisions. The review timetable extends over a period of three years from June 1996 to June 1999, with the majority of reviews scheduled for completion by June 1998. Early scheduling of reviews should permit sufficient time to consider and implement reforms and enable some flexibility where more complex reviews are undertaken (eg where it is considered appropriate to extend the scope of reviews beyond competition policy issues) or where more extensive consultation processes are considered necessary.

The Northern Territory's principles for classifying reviews are:

- Complete review.
- General review — a general overview of the relevant legislation to ensure consistency with Part IV of the Trade Practices Act and its principles.
- Limited review.

- Staged review, where:
  - Stage 1 will be to clarify objectives of legislation;
  - Stage 2 will be to review each anti-competitive element; and
  - Stage 3 will be to effect legislative option where necessary.
- Targeted review — will target identified issues.

All legislation identified as ‘restricting competition’ within the Attorney General’s portfolio will be reviewed jointly through a staged process.

Amendments to or revisions of the review timetable are coordinated by the Department of the Chief Minister. Amendments are published annually in July.

Some 39 of the 43 reviews scheduled up to June 1997 are either in progress or have been completed. Two reviews have been re-scheduled: the *Pharmacy Act* (pending the outcome of a proposal for a national review) and the *Water Act*.

A number of reviews have been or will be conducted under expanded terms of reference involving comprehensive review of the entire legislative instrument. In such cases, the review process may take longer than was initially anticipated and may extend beyond the respective scheduled completion dates. However such extensions are not expected to be significant.

In respect of new legislation, the Northern Territory Government has a formal requirement that all Cabinet Submissions proposing new or amending legislation must address National Competition Policy issues. Where such legislation is identified as having anti-competitive provisions, the proposal must be accompanied by an impact assessment of the proposed legislation in terms of the legislative review principles.

Three Acts passed since April 1995 have been added to the Legislative Review Program: the *Retirement Villages Act*; the *Private Security Act*; and the *Meat Industry Act*.

## 9.2 Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in the ‘Agency’ column of the Northern Territory legislation review timetable.

AG	Attorney-General’s
DPA	Darwin Port Authority
HLG	Housing and Local Government
LC	Liquor Commission
LPE	Lands, Planning & Environment
ME	Mines & Energy
NTT	NT Treasury
PAWA	Power & Water Authority
PFES	Police, Fire and Emergency Services
PIF	Primary Industries & Fisheries
PW	Parks & Wildlife
RG	Racing and Gaming
TDZ	Trade Development Zone
THS	Territory Health Services
TIO	Territory Insurance Office
TW	Transport & Works
WHA	Work Health Authority

## 9.3 Legislation review schedule: Northern Territory

Updated to 31 December 1997

Name of legislation	Agency	Description of legislation/scope of review	Comment on review process	Date of review	Date review completed	Outcome
Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act/Regs	PIF	- Establishes licensing regime and standards for premises etc - Slaughter of buffalo (Reg 7) - Abattoir licence (Reg 5)	Targeted review	30 June 1997		Repealed and replaced by <i>Meat Industries Act</i> , which commenced Dec 1997.
Agent's Licensing Act	AG	- Real Estate Agent's Licence (s11) - Agent's Representative Registration (s 12) - Conveyancing Agent's Licence	In progress	<b>Stage 1</b> by 30 June 1997 <b>Stage 2</b> by 30 June 1998 <b>Stage 3</b> by 30 June 1999		
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (NT) Act	PIF	To apply certain laws of the Commonwealth relating to agricultural and veterinary chemical products as laws of the NT	NT is party to national review of Act and complementary legislation in other jurisdictions			
Architects Act	LPE	- Architect's Registration - Certifying Architects Registration (Part 3)	General review	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		Review completed. Passage to NT Government delayed pending resolution at national level of professions issues.
Auctioneer's Act	AG	- Auctioneer's Licence (s 4) - Auctioneer's Clerk Licence (s 8E)	In progress	see above		

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Building Act	LPE	Provides for the establishment of technical standards for buildings, the registration of building practitioners and certifiers, the regulation of building matters (including the registration of building products), the granting of permits and the establishment of appeals processes.	Targeted review (licensing issues) in progress. Public submissions closed. NCP amendments, if applicable, to be introduced in Legislative Assembly in 1999.	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		
Building Societies Act and Regulations	AG	- Registration of a Building Society (s 14(1)) - Registration of Building Societies (Reg 2) Licensing issues		see above		Repeal recommended. Building Societies currently registered under Financial Institutions (NT) Code as part of a national legislative scheme. No terminating building societies in NT
Business Franchise Act	NTT	Licence to sell tobacco or petroleum products (s 14)	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by June 30 1998		
Caravan Parks Act	HLG	Regulates caravan parks. Only applies to some parts of the Territory. May create anti-competitive effects between controlled and uncontrolled areas.	General review	December 1997		Review completed and ready for Government consideration.
Cemeteries Act and Regulations	HLG	Provides for the establishment (s 6), maintenance and control of cemeteries. Approval for the establishment of cemeteries by the Administrator. No clear guidelines on approvals - could be applied anti-competitively.		June 1997		Review completed and ready for Government consideration.

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Classification of Publications, Films & Computer Games Act	AG	Review of prohibition concerning the manufacture of 'X' style videos in NT.	In progress	see above		
Commercial and Private Agents Licensing Act	AG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commercial Agent's Licence (s 5(a))</li> <li>- Process Server Licence (s 5(c))</li> <li>- Inquiry Agent's Licence (s 5(b))</li> <li>- Private Bailiff Licence (s 5(d))</li> </ul>	In progress	see above		
Commercial Passenger (Road) Act	TW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tourist vehicle licence (s 52)</li> <li>- Accreditation of a commercial passenger operator (part 3)</li> <li>- Taxi licensing (part 4)</li> <li>Taxi licence (Div 1)</li> <li>Substitute taxi licence (Div 2)</li> <li>Supplementary taxi licence (Div 3)</li> <li>Private hire car licence (s 32)</li> <li>- Motor omnibus licence (part 6)</li> <li>Pioneer routes (s 46)</li> <li>Urban service areas (s 47)</li> <li>Prohibiting a restricting service (s 49)</li> <li>- Tourist vehicle licence (s 52)</li> <li>- Special passenger vehicle licence (s 58)</li> </ul>	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by June 30 1998		
Community Welfare Act	THS	Provides for the protection and welfare of children etc. Licensing of child care centres (Div 2).	Targeted review	To be finalised by Dec 30 1998		

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Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act (NT Regs) and Amendment Act 1996	AG	Sundry fair play provisions regarding the regulation of advertising, banning of potentially unsafe goods etc: - Travel Agent's Licence (Schedule 1) - Credit Providers Licence - Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers Licence - Motor Vehicle Dealers Licence - tow truck code	In progress	see above		
Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations	WHA	Sets requirements for the transport, storage and handling of dangerous goods. Business licences to manufacture, store, convey, sell, import or possess prescribed dangerous goods (s 15 - 21). Operators licences for: - drivers of dangerous goods - vehicles (reg 56) - shotfirers (reg 132) - gas fitters (reg 172) - autogas fitters (reg 202)	Targeted review	Dec 30 1996		Review finalised. Act repealed and new Dangerous Goods Act assented to 30 March 1998. Draft regulations to be circulated for public comment June 1998.

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Darwin Port Authority Act	DPA	Establishes the Darwin Port Authority. Prescribes functions and powers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monopoly powers</li> <li>- Licensing arrangements and Fees</li> <li>- Issue of stevedoring licence. Charge for issue of renewal (Part II, s 17 (p) (q))</li> <li>- Control of shipping movements in port (Part III, s 29)</li> <li>- Application for stevedoring licence (s 38)</li> <li>- Cancellation or suspension of stevedoring licence by Minister (s 39)</li> <li>- Exemption from local government charges (Part IV, s 45)</li> </ul>	Targeted review. In progress	Part III s 29 and Part IV s 45 to be finalised by June 30 1997.  Part II s 17 (p)(q) and Part III, s 38, 39 to be finalised by June 30 1998		
Dental Act	THS	Establishes the registration board and registration requirements. Registration as a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dental Hygienist</li> <li>- Dental Specialist</li> <li>- Dental Therapist</li> <li>- Dentist (s 14 (a) to (d))</li> </ul>	Full review	30 June 1997		Framework for new legislation to be prepared taking account of NCP issues. Completion expected Dec 1998



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Electrical and Contractors Act	LPE	Establishes the Licensing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Electrical Worker Licence</li> <li>- Electrical Contractor Licence</li> <li>- Electrical Fitter Licence</li> <li>- Electrical Linesman Licence</li> <li>- Electrical Cable Joiner Licence</li> <li>- Refrigeration Mechanic Licence</li> <li>- Instrument Fitter Licence</li> <li>- Registration of Apprentices</li> <li>- Permits for Electrical Work</li> </ul> (Part 3 various divisions)	Targeted review (licensing issues). In progress. Public submissions closed. Review to be subsumed into general review of Act to be conducted late 1998 or early 1999.	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		

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Electricity Act	PAWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An Act to control the generation and safe use of electricity</li> <li>- Control over reselling of electricity - s 14(5) Part IV (TPA) conflicts</li> <li>- Sale and resale prohibited without license - s 27 affects competition, restricts entry</li> <li>- Prohibits certain uses of electricity - s 29 Part IV (TPA) concerns</li> <li>- Price fixing in relation to licensee - s 30 Part IV (TPA) concerns and possibly reduces contestability</li> <li>- Liability limitation - s 32 possible competitive neutrality</li> <li>- Act binds the Crown - s 38</li> <li>- Regulation making powers - s 39</li> <li>- Licensing elements:</li> <li>- Authorisation of electrical inspectors s 19;</li> <li>- Electrical equipment controls;</li> <li>- Appointment of licensees; and</li> <li>- By-laws for regulating standards and electrical supply s 21-26</li> </ul>	Targeted review in progress. Preliminary review completed. Detailed review of identified anti-competitive provisions currently underway. Review is part of total review of PAWA.	30 June 1997		
Energy Pipelines Act	ME		Review in progress	30 June 1997		
Energy Resource Consumption Levy Act	NTT	Part 2 - Energy Resource Consumption Levy. Requirement for any bulk consumer of levy oil to register under the Act (s 7).	Targeted review	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		Review completed and results to be forwarded to Government for consideration.
Financial Institutions Duty Act	NTT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration as a Financial Institution for FID (s 12)</li> <li>- Certification as a Short Term Dealer (s 14)</li> </ul>	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		

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Financial Management Act	NTT	Part 5 - Funds Management: - Requirement to open the Northern Territory Government Account at a Bank (s 27) Treasurer's Direction Part 1, Section 2 further defines a Bank to include " <i>any organisation providing financial services and includes banks, credit unions, building societies and similar organisations</i> ". The legal effect of the definition of a bank, as it applies to the FMA needs to be clarified	NTT	June 30 1997		Anti-competitive effect of section 27 removed by Financial Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1997.
Financial Management Act	NTT	Part 5 - Funds Management: - Requirements for determining suitable financial institutions and instruments for investing Government funds (s 29(2)). The requirement for deposits to be made with a financial institution with a suitable, published credit rating excludes financial institutions without a published credit rating.	NTT	June 30 1997		Review completed and results to be forwarded to Government for consideration.
Firearms Act	PFES	- Armourer's licence (s 20) - Dealers licence (s 17) - Shooter's licence - security firms (s 28/29) - Shooting gallery licence (s 31)	Targeted review	To be finalised by December 1998		
Fisheries Act	PIF	- Permits and special permits s 16 and 17	Targeted review. Reviewed in tandem with national initiatives. A preliminary review was conducted in liaison with other jurisdictions at beginning 1998.	30 June 1997		

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Fisheries Regulations	PIF	Licensing and management of fisheries - Commercial fishing proposal Pt 6, Div 2 - Aquarium licence Pt 3, Div 12 - Fish trader's licence various - Aquaculture licence re: waste disposal s171(f) - Licence to process fish s 59 & 144 - Permit to import fish or aquatic life s 26 - Aquaculture licence Pt 10, Div 2 - Commercial fishing licence Pt 7 Div1 - Coastal line fishery licence Pt 8 Div1 - Coastal net fishery licence Div 2 - Bait net fishery licence Div 3 - Spanish mackerel fishery licence Div 4 - Shark fishery licence Div 5 - Demersal fishery licence Div 6 - Barramundi fishery licence Div 7 - Mud crab fishery licence Div 8 - Mollusc fishery licence Div 9 - Pearl oyster fishery licence Div 10 - Fixed trap fishery licence Div 11 - Aquarium fishing/display Div 12 fishery licence	Targeted review. See above.	30 June 1997		

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Fisheries Regulations (CONT...)	PIF	Licensing and management of fisheries shery licence - Trepang fishery licence Div 13 - Development licence Div 14 - Fish trader/processor Pt 9 Div 2 - Fish retailer Div 3 - Fish broker Div 4 - Aquaculture licence Part 10 Div 2 - Pearl oyster culture industry licence Div 3 - Aboriginal coastal licence Part 11 Div 2 - Fishing tour operator licence Div 3 - Aquarium trader licence Div 4 - Net licence Div 5 - Timor reef fishery licence Part 8 Div 15 - Finfish trawl fishery licence Div 16 - Jigging fishery licence Div 17	Targeted review. See above.	30 June 1997		
Food Act	THS	Provides standards for the preparation and sale of food etc: - Registration of a food vending machine (s 13 (6) & 13 (7))	Targeted review	30 June 1997		National model for food legislation being developed. Completion expected Dec 1999.

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Gaming Control Act and Regulations	RG	Provides for the regulation and control of gaming: - Trade lotteries (s 39 and Regs) - Approved associations (s 38(2)) - Foreign lottery approval (s 40(2)) - Casino licence (s 16) - Use and possession of a gaming machine in a club or hotel (s 49(1)(a)) - Supply and lease of a gaming machine (s 49(1)(b)) - Assembly and repair of a gaming machine (s 49(1)(c)) - Novelty gaming machines (regs, various) - Casino operatives licence (Part III Div 1, 2)	General review with particular attention to licensing elements. NT is participating in the information gathering exercise being conducted by Productivity Commission.	30 June 1997		
Gaming Machine Bill 1995	RG	Provides for the licensing of gaming machines in community venues - establishes limits and controls on numbers of machines and locations.	Limited review. New legislation impact being assessed. In progress			
Grain Marketing Act	PIF	Establishes board	Complete review	1996		Repealed
Hawkers Act	HLG	Provides for the licensing of hawkers (s 4).	Targeted review	30 June 1998		Review in progress
Health Practitioners and Allied Professionals Registration Act	THS	Registration as a: - Aboriginal Health Worker (s 24) - Chiropractor (s 35) - Occupational Therapist (s 38) - Osteopath (s 39) - Physiotherapist (s 40) - Psychologist (s 41)	Full review	Dec 30 1997		To be repealed. New legislation to be prepared taking account of NCP issues. Completion expected June 1999.

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Housing Act	HLG	Establishes the Housing Commission and provides for letting and sale of dwellings.	General review	To be finalised by December 1998		Review in progress
Licensed Surveyors Act	LPE	Surveyors licensing	Targeted review (licensing issue)	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		Review completed and ready to be forwarded to Government for consideration.
Liquor Act	LC	Provides for the regulation of the sale of alcohol: - Licence for the Sale of Liquor (s 24) - Special Licences (s 57) - Wholesalers of Liquor (s 113A)	Targeted review	Expected to be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Local Government Act, Regulations and By-Laws	HLG	Provides for the constitution of municipalities and community government areas, the election of self-governing authorities to control municipalities and community government areas and provides for a similarity of power and function between self-governing authorities.	General review	July 1997		In progress. Initial review of <i>Local Government Act</i> completed and forwarded to Government for consideration. Review of Council by-laws underway.
Marine Act Regulations (Pilotage, Hire-and-Drive, Examinations and Certificates)	TW	- Licensing of certain commercial operations (part V) - Certificate of survey (s 79(a)) - Permit for the operation of hire-and drive vessel (s 4) - Certificate of competency (coxswain) (Sched 3) - Certificate of competency (masterclass-all) (Reg 9)	Targeted review. Now expected to be completed Dec 1998.	June 30 1997		

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Meat Industries Act	PIF	implements national standards and reforms	New legislation impact assessment. Review to coincide with national food industry standards review.	1997-98		
Medical Act	THS	Establishes Medical Registration Board: - Licence to be a Medical Practitioner (s 31)	Review of Board	30 June 1997		Act reviewed. Issues of regulation of advertising and ownership of medical companies to be resolved.
Medical Services Act	THS	Provides rules for the conduct of medical services. Entry conditions, pricing.	Targeted review in progress.	30 June 1997		
Mental Health Act	THS	Provides for the care and treatment of the mentally ill.	General review.	Dec 30 1996		Act to be repealed, and replaced by a new Act. Bill currently before Legislative Assembly. New Act to apply equally to private and government sectors, and take account of need to meet national standards and accreditation requirements but will not restrict innovation or entry of goods and services provided standards are met. New Act to be subject to NCP assessment processes for new legislation.
Mine Management Act	ME	Regulation of Occupational Health and Safety in Mining.	General review. Now expected to be finalised June 1999.	30 June 1997		



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Mining Act	ME	Creates a regime for the valid grant of mining tenure in the NT, together with ongoing regulation: - Miner's Right (s 9) - Exploration Licence (Div 2 s 16) - Exploration Retention Licence (s 38) - Mineral Leases (Part VI) - Mineral Claims (Part VII) - Extractive Mineral Lease (Part VIII) - Extractive Mineral Permit (Part VIII)	Targeted review. Completion delayed until June 1999 due to native title legislative considerations.	30 June 1997		
Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act	TIO	Establishes a no-fault compensation scheme, prescribes rates of benefit and abolishes certain common law rights.	To be reviewed but no issues apparent.	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		
Motor Vehicle Dealers Regulations	AG	Motor Vehicles Dealers Licence Part X, Div 3, SubDiv A, s 132	In progress.	see above		
Motor Vehicles Act	TW	- Motor omnibus licence (s 10(2)) - Pastoral vehicle permit (s 137B) - Driving instructor's licence (25B) - Commercial passenger vehicle licence	Targeted review. Now expected to be completed Dec 1998.	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		

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Nursing Act	THS	Establishes the Registration Board for Registration as a: - General Nurse - Child Welfare Nurse - Psychiatric Nurse - Mental Deficiency Nurse Enrolment as a: - Enrolled Nurse - Mothercraft Nurse Application for Enrolment	Complete review of legislation to take account of (in particular) the operation of Mutual Recognition legislation	Expected to be finalised by 30 December 1996		Act to be repealed. NCP review was included in full review of Act. Repeal recommended and a new Nursing Act has been drafted taking account of NCP issues and Mutual Recognition and Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition implications. The proposed new Act will be subject to the normal review and assessment provisions applicable to new legislation. Review expected to be finalised Dec 1998.
Oil Refinery Agreement Ratification Act	ME	Provides a legislative basis for arrangements between Government and Mereenie. The Act contains possible restrictions on third parties.	Targeted review in progress	30 June 1998		
Optometrists Act	THS	Establishes the Registration Board - Registration as an Optometrist (s 29)	Targeted review. Regulation of optical dispensers and prescription of drugs by optometrists to be considered. Completion expected June 1999.	Dec 1997		

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Ozone Protection Act and Regulations	LPE	Environmental controls: - Licence to Buy/Sell a Controlled Substance (s 15)	Targeted review (licensing issues)	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		To be repealed, and provisions incorporated inot regulations under Waste Management and Pollution Control Bill, introduced in February 1998. New bill subject to review process for new legislation.
Pawnbrokers Act	AG	- Pawnbroker's Licence (s 18)	Stage 2 will review each anti-competitive element	see above		This Act to be repealed by new Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers legislation to be included in Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act – expected to commence late 1998.
Pay-Roll Tax Act	NTT	- Pay- Roll Tax Register (s 12)	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Pet Meat Act	PIF	Licensing of slaughtering processing and storage of pet meat, standard of premises etc: - Slaughter for pet meat (s 14) - Process of pet meat (s 18) - Storage of pet meat (s 24)	Targeted review	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		Repealed and replaced with <i>Meat Industries Act</i> , which commenced Dec 1997.
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act	ME	Regulates the exploration and recovery of petroleum in NT territorial seas. Grants exclusive rights, technical and financial prescriptions.	Targeted review	To be finalised by 30 June 1999		
Petroleum Act and Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Act	ME	Regulates the exploration and recovery of petroleum in the NT. Grants exclusive rights, technical and financial prescriptions. Possible Pt IV (Trade Practices Act) concerns.	Targeted review in progress	30 June 1998		Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Act repealed 12 years ago.

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Pharmacy Act	THS	Establishes the Registration Board - Registration as a Pharmacist (s 19)	Review deferred. National review proceeding in conjunction with review of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. Completion expected 1999.	Dec 1996		
Places of Public Entertainment Act	HLG	Controls places of public entertainment: - Public Entertainment Licence (s 6)	Targeted review in progress.	30 June 1998		
Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Act	LPE	- Advanced Tradesman's Licence (s 23) - Journeyman Registration (s 22)	Targeted review (licensing issues) in progress. Review to be subsumed into general review of Act in late 1998 or early 1999.	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		

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Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act	THS	Sets out controls for manufacture, wholesale, retail sales. Principally licensing issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possession of medical kit drugs (s 42)</li> <li>- Registration of a pesticide(s 52A)</li> <li>- Pest control operator (s 55)</li> <li>- Registration as a poisons wholesaler (s 17)</li> <li>- Registration as a poison's retailer (s 23)</li> <li>- Possession of poisons (Part 4, s 27)</li> </ul>	Targeted review. A national review has commenced targeted for Juen 1999. The national review is considering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certificate of competency for pest controllers; and</li> <li>• prescribing of drugs by health professionals other than medical practitioners e.g. optometrists</li> </ul>	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		
Port By-Laws	DPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Port management and control provisions. Prescribe changes for services. Compulsory services and fees. Licensing issues.</li> <li>- Compulsory pilotage for the majority of vessels (Chapter V By-law 28)</li> <li>- Fee for pilotage exemption certificates (By-law 36)</li> <li>- Fee for the renewal of pilotage exemption certificate (By-law 36 (c))</li> <li>- Fees for operating with exempt pilot (By-law 36 (f))</li> <li>- Pilotage Fees (By-law 52)</li> <li>- Port dues (Navigation aids levy) (By-law 53)</li> </ul>	Targeted review.	To be finalised by June 30 1998		

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Power and Water Authority Act	PAWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establishes the Power and Water Authority and prescribes powers and responsibilities etc</li> <li>- Functions and powers of the Authority - gives control of provision and supply etc of electricity in the NT</li> <li>- Exemption from rates - competitive neutrality issue</li> <li>- Price fixing regarding the Authority's agents               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possible Pt IV Trade Practices Act conflict</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Regulation making powers - Statutory power</li> <li>- Exemption from charges - competitive neutrality issue (s 14, 15, 19, 25(b), 33)</li> </ul>	Targeted review in progress. See above	30 June 1997		
Prices Regulation Act	AG		In progress	see above		
Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Act	THS	Provides for the licensing of private hospitals and nursing homes.	General review of provisions	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Private Security Act	AG	Introduces accredited training requirement and licensing regime for crowd controllers (bouncers).	New legislation impact assessment	June 1999		
Prostitution Regulation Act	AG		In progress	as for Agent's Licensing Act		
Public Health (Barbers' Shops) Regulations	THS	- Registration of a barbers shop (s5)	Targeted review	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		

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Public Health (Shops, Eating-Houses, Boarding Houses, Hotels and Hostels) Regulations	THS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration of a boarding house (s 35, 36)</li> <li>- Registration of an eating house (s12, 13)</li> </ul>	Targeted review	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Racing and Betting Act	RG	Licensing issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sports bookmakers licence (s 70, 89)</li> <li>- Racing venue (s 37)</li> <li>- Registration of race clubs (s 46)</li> <li>- Registration of trotting clubs (s 53)</li> <li>- Registration of greyhounds (s 58)</li> <li>- Totalisator licence (s 111)</li> </ul>	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Racing and Betting Regulations	RG	Regulates sports betting and bookmakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bookmaker's clerk registration (Div 6)</li> <li>- Bookmaker's registration (s 102(2)(b)(ii))</li> </ul>	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Radiation (Safety Control) Act	THS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration of irradiating apparatus (s 29)</li> </ul>	Targeted review	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		

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Radiographers Act	THS	Establishes the Registration Board: - Registration as a Radiographer (s 11)	Targeted review. Reassessment of need for registration board and mechanism for issue of permits to other health professionals to undertake radiographic procedures to be considered.	30 June 1997		
Retirement Villages Act	AG	regulates operation of retirement villages	New legislation impact assessment.	July 1999		
Stock (Artificial Breeding) Act/Regs	PIF	- Use of imported semen (Reg 6) - Inseminator's licence (Reg 17) - Unlicensed semen (Reg 20) - Semen collection/distribution (Reg 7) - Approved sires (s 5)	Targeted review	30 June 1997		To be repealed
Taxation (Administration) Act	NTT	- Registration as an Accommodation House (s 80c) - Registration as a lender (div 13, s 72) - Register of a financial institution for electronic debit transaction duty (s 29M) - Registration of insurers (div 6, s 40) - Register life insurers (div 7, s 46)	Targeted review in progress.	To be finalised by 30 June 1998.		



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Territory Insurance Office (TIO) Act	TIO	Establishes the TIO to carry out certain insurance and related business and provide financial, business and other services. Confers a monopoly on motor vehicle accident insurance, acting as the insurer of Territory assets and liabilities. Ministerial discretion on the extent of financial activity (s 30) the government guarantees.	Targeted review being conducted in conjunction with recommendations of Wallis enquiry.	June 30 1997		
Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act	PW	Establishes parks and reserves and protects/conserves wildlife etc: - Licence to conduct scientific research or investigation (s 111) - Permit to trade in live vertebrate wildlife (s 33) - Permit to take a live protected animal (s 29) - Importing/exporting of vertebrate wildlife of the Northern Territory (s 34)	Targeted review in progress. Completion expected Dec 1998.	30 June 1997		
Totalisator Administration and Betting Act	RG	Grants sole rights to this form of betting.	General review in progress.	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Trade Development Zone Act	TDZ	Licence to operate in the Trade Development Zone (s 21, 28).	Targeted review. Focus of TDZ reviewed and significant changes implemented. Review process will be recommenced.	30 June 1997		

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Uranium Mining (Environmental Control) Act	ME	Controls uranium mining in the Alligator Rivers Region. Imposes restrictions, conditions and requirements that could discourage innovation, add to costs etc.	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by 30 June 1998.		
Veterinarian Act	PIF	Establishes registration board: - Registration as a veterinarian (Part 3, Div 2, s 13)	Targeted review in progress	To be finalised by 30 June 1998		
Water Act	LPE	Provides for the investigation, use, control, protection, management and administration of water resources and for related purposes: - Grant of drilling licence (s 49) - Underground waste disposal licence (s 63) - Wastage discharge licence (s 74)	Targeted review. To be rescheduled to link with COAG water reform agenda.	30 June 1997		
Water Regulations	LPE	- Water investigation permit (s 5) - Permit to construct or alter water Works (s 6) - Bore construction permit (s 7) - Licence to take/use surface water (s8) - Licence to take ground water (s 9)	Targeted review. To be rescheduled to link with COAG water reform agenda	30 June 1997		

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Water Supply and Sewerage Act	PAWA	<p>Relates to the provision of sewerage and water services and associated matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Liability waivers s 9 - Statutory powers above Pt IV</li> <li>- Declaration of sewerage, water supply and water supply extension areas s 12 s 13 - Statutory powers above Pt IV</li> <li>- Power to assess consumption s 32 - statutory powers above Pt IV</li> <li>- Price fixing within declared area s 33 - Pt IV concern, reducing contestability</li> <li>- Appointment of inspectors at large s 42 - Licensing issue</li> <li>- Regulation of various matters s 38, 53, 57, 58, 59, 62, 64, 66, 68</li> <li>- Regulatory systems which may reduce contestability</li> <li>- Regulation making powers s 76</li> </ul>	Targeted review in progress. See above	30 June 1997		
Work Health (Occupational Health and Safety) Act/Regs	TIO	Workers Compensation claims management - TIO subject to provisions in this Act, although the Act is owned and administered by the Work Health Authority.	See Acts listed under the WHA Agency	To be finalised by 30 June 1997		

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Work Health (Occupational Health and Safety) Act/ Regulations	WHA	Establishes the Authority and sets requirements for occupational health and safety. Registration of the design of designated plant including pressure equipment, cranes and hoists, lifts, escalators, moving walks, amusement structures and scaffolding (reg 93). Licensing of operators: pressure equipment operation, crane and hoist operators, industrial truck operation, scaffolding, rigging and asbestos removal (reg 15).	Targeted review	To be finalised by June 30 1998		