

# **Corporations Amendment Regulations 2008 (No. 3)**

Select Legislative Instrument 2008 No. 130

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following Regulations under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Dated 24 June 2008

P. M. JEFFERY Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

CHRIS BOWEN
Assistant Treasurer

#### 1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the Corporations Amendment Regulations 2008 (No. 3).

#### 2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 1 July 2008.

#### 3 Amendment of Corporations Regulations 2001

Schedule 1 amends the Corporations Regulations 2001.

#### Schedule 1 Amendments

(regulation 3)

#### [1] After regulation 7.7.20

insert

### 7.7.20A Extension of disclosure requirements to wholesale clients dealing with certain unauthorised insurers

- (1) For paragraph 949B (1) (e) of the Act, a person must give a wholesale client the information set out in subregulation (3) for a financial service provided by that person to the wholesale client if:
  - (a) the service relates to an insurance contract specified in regulation 4C or 4D of the *Insurance Regulations 2002* that may be offered or issued by an unauthorised foreign insurer (within the meaning of those Regulations) (the *insurer*); and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) the person would be required to give a Statement of Advice if the service were provided to a retail client; or

(ii) the contract is offered or issued to the wholesale client.

*Note* Failure to comply with this subregulation is an offence punishable by a fine of up to 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 1 year, or both — see section 1311 and item 272A of Schedule 3 to the *Corporations Act 2001*.

- (2) For paragraph 949B (1) (e) of the Act, a person must give a wholesale client the information set out in subregulation (3) for a financial service provided by that person to the wholesale client if:
  - (a) the service relates to the wholesale client dealing with an entity (the *insurer*) specified in regulation 12 of the *Insurance Regulations* 2002; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) the person would be required to give a Statement of Advice if the service were provided to a retail client; or
    - (ii) the insurer offers or issues a financial product to the wholesale client.

*Note* Failure to comply with this subregulation is an offence punishable by a fine of up to 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 1 year, or both — see section 1311 and item 272A of Schedule 3 to the *Corporations Act 2001*.

- (3) The information is:
  - (a) a statement that the insurer is not authorised under the *Insurance Act 1973* to conduct insurance business in Australia; and
  - (b) a statement that the insurer is not subject to the provisions of the *Insurance Act 1973*, which establishes a system of financial supervision of general insurers in Australia; and
  - (c) a statement that the wholesale client should consider whether to obtain further information, including:
    - (i) the country in which the insurer is incorporated, and whether the country has a system of financial supervision of insurers; and
    - (ii) the paid up capital of the insurer; and
    - (iii) which country's laws will determine disputes in relation to the financial product.

#### [2] Part 7.9, after Division 2B

insert

## Division 2BA Product Disclosure Statement for discretionary mutual funds

### 7.9.07CA Extension of Product Disclosure Statement requirements to wholesale clients

- (1) For paragraph 949B (1) (e) of the Act, a regulated person must give a wholesale client a Product Disclosure Statement or a Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement for a financial product if:
  - (a) the financial product is offered or issued by a discretionary mutual fund (within the meaning given by subsections 5 (5) and (6) of the *Financial Sector* (Collection of Data) Act 2001); and
  - (b) the regulated person would be required to give the Statement if the product were offered or issued to a retail client.
- (2) The Product Disclosure Statement or Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement required to be given under this regulation must be the same as that which would be given to a retail client.

*Note* Failure to comply with this regulation is an offence punishable by a fine of up to 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 1 year, or both — see section 1311 and item 272A of Schedule 3 to the *Corporations Act 2001*.