

# **Private Security Industry (Conduct) Regulations 2009**

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### **THE SCHEDULE Code of Conduct**

**No. S 170**

## **PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT**

## (CHAPTER 250A)

### PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY (CONDUCT) REGULATIONS 2009

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 39 of the Private Security Industry Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Private Security Industry (Conduct) Regulations 2009 and shall come into operation on 27th April 2009.

#### **Definitions**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Code of Conduct” means the Code of Conduct specified in the Schedule;

“statutory board” means a body established by or under a public Act for a public purpose.

#### **Obstruction of public officer or employee of statutory board**

3. A licensed private investigator, licensed security officer or licensed security service provider shall not, at any time, intentionally interfere with, hinder or obstruct any public officer, or employee of a statutory board, while such public officer or employee is exercising any power or performing any function or discharging any duty under any written law.

#### **Unauthorised sharing of security information**

4.—(1) A licensed security agency which deploys any licensed security officer in its employ to carry out any function of a security officer at any premises (referred to in this regulation as the relevant premises) shall not knowingly or negligently publish or communicate to any person any information relating to —

- (a) the security system installed in the relevant premises, including surveillance equipment technology used and methods of installation or use of surveillance equipment at those premises;
- (b) the physical layout of the relevant premises;
- (c) the number and type of licensed security officers the licensed security agency so deploys or any other details of such deployment; and
- (d) any other security arrangements provided at the relevant premises by that licensed security agency or another licensed security agency.

(2) A licensed security officer who patrols or guards any premises (referred to in this regulation as the relevant premises) shall not knowingly or negligently publish or communicate to any person any information relating to —

- (a) the security system installed in the relevant premises, including surveillance equipment technology used and methods of installation or use of surveillance equipment at those premises;
- (b) the physical layout of the relevant premises;
- (c) the number and type of licensed security officers deployed at the relevant premises or any other details of such deployment; and
- (d) any other security arrangements provided at the relevant premises by any licensed security agency.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to the following publication or communication:

- (a) a publication or communication to any owner or lawful occupier of the relevant premises;
- (b) a publication or communication with the consent, express or implied, of an owner or lawful occupier of the relevant premises;
- (c) a publication or communication which is required or authorised by or under written law;
- (d) a publication or communication that is no more than is reasonably necessary in connection with preventing an imminent threat of serious violence to persons or substantial damage to property, or preventing the commission of an offence.

### **Reporting of incidents by licensed security officer**

**5.—**(1) Where a licensed security officer who patrols or guards any premises becomes aware that any person other than a law enforcement officer is conducting surveillance or has conducted or is about to conduct surveillance of those premises, the licensed security officer shall, without undue delay, make a report to a police station of that fact.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a licensed security officer is deemed to be aware that a person is conducting surveillance or has conducted or is about to conduct surveillance of any premises if he is informed or learnt of it in a manner and in circumstances that would reasonably be expected to cause any reasonable person to become aware of that fact.