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ACCC – Franchising Information Network – End of financial year obligations for franchisors

Dear Member

A new financial year has begun. If you are a franchisee (dealer) make sure your franchisor (manufacturer/ distributor) understands their end of financial year obligations under the Franchising Code.

The Franchising Code requires franchisors to disclose certain information to their franchisees, both before they enter the system and during the life of the agreement. The start of a new financial year is a key time for disclosure, as it is when a franchisor will need to update your disclosure document.

VACC urges all members to spend time reading the disclosure document, which is meant to provide you with accurate information covering all sections of the franchise agreement you are about to sign, or have signed, FOR THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT. You should not be accepting any changes in your franchise agreement during its term without your consent. If signing a new franchise agreement, you should be comfortable with all clauses contained within. If this is not the case you should write to your franchisor requesting changes which you will have detailed clearly. If the franchisor refuses to change the nominated clauses (the franchisor must respond in writing), you should seek advice from an appropriate source before committing to the agreement.

Please find attached an email published by the ACCC which include valuable information regarding what information needs to be disclosed by a franchisor to their franchisees, VACC suggests that all members who have a franchise read the attached email which can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u>

Regards

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