MODERN SLAVERY ACT: EXTENSION FOR MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT AND INFORMATION FOR REPORTING ENTITIES ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19

The Commonwealth Government has recently extended the deadline for submission of modern slavery statements (and not the reporting periods for entities, which remain unchanged).

The table below sets out the new reporting deadlines:

Reporting period extension	Original deadline for submission of modern slavery statement	New, extended deadline for submission of modern slavery statement
1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 (foreign financial year)	30 September 2020	31 December 2020
1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 (Australian financial year)	31 December 2020	31 March 2021
1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020	30 June 2021	Not applicable

HOW ENTITIES CAN REDUCE THE MODERN SLAVERY RISKS IN THEIR SUPPLY CHAINS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Australian Border Force has recently published guidance to help entities reduce the risk of workers in their operations and supply chains becoming exposed to modern slavery as a result of COVID-19. Our summary follows.



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