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In today's fast-moving business environment, lawyers are expected to keep up-to-date with the current legal position and best practice across multiple aspects of commercial practice. Practical Law Australia's Commercial resources include clear and helpful practice notes, standard documents, checklists and powerful research tools. These resources are created, maintained and updated by an experienced team of expert legal writers, all with real-world commercial law firm or in-house experience. Practical Law Australia provides you with the tools, know-how and insight that you need to advise faster and with more confidence, so you can add even more value to your clients or organisations.



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COMING SOON TO COMMERCIAL

Practical Law is a dynamically evolving service. We plan to develop additional documents and resources in the following existing topic areas by 30 June 2017:

Supply of goods and services

- Practice notes on topics including contract manufacturing, warehousing arrangements and equipment leasing.
- Standard documents, including a sale of goods agreement, service agreement, referral agreement and manufacturing agreement.

• IT and outsourcing

- Practice notes on topics including software-as-a-service and software escrow agreements.
- Standard documents, including a software development and website development agreement.

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Data protection and privacy

- Standard documents, including template letters to notify the OAIC and affected individuals of a data breach.

Advertising and marketing

- Practice notes on trade promotions and celebrity endorsement agreements.
- Standard documents, including a sponsorship agreement and advertising agency agreement.

A new Franchising topic is also scheduled for publication in 2017.

We welcome customer feedback on the development of Practical Law Australia. Should you have comments or suggestions, please contact me at michael.milnes@tr.com

COMMERCIAL COVERAGE AS OF 1 MAY 2017

Supply of goods and services

- Practice notes
 - Comparative table of sale of goods legislation
 - Effective contract management
 - Insurance in commercial transactions
 - Long-term supply of goods contracts
 - Retention of title and the Personal Property Securities Register
 - Service agreements
 - Service levels and service credit schemes in outsourcing
 - Standard terms and conditions in commercial transactions
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Advertising and marketing

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 - Overview, Advertising and marketing law
 - Advertising and displaying prices
 - Advertising self-regulation and industry codes
 - Ambush marketing
 - Digital and online marketing
 - Misleading or deceptive conduct and false or misleading representations under the Australian Consumer Law
 - Social media marketing
 - Social media platform terms of use
 - Sponsorship agreements
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 - Appointing a marketing or advertising agency
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- Software licensing and methods
- Website content, development and hosting
- Standard documents
 - Project initiation document for outsourcing transactions
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Data protection and privacy

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 - Overview, Australian data protection and privacy laws
 - Australian Privacy Principles
 - CCTV and workplace surveillance
 - Data issues in the financial services sector
 - Data issues in the health sector
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 - Heads of agreement
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- Protocols for remote or virtual signings

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- Power of attorney (ACT): general or specific powers
- Power of attorney (NT): general or specific powers
- Power of attorney (QLD): general or specific powers
- Power of attorney (SA): general or specific powers
- Power of attorney (TAS): general or specific powers
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- Template email for remote signings: Approach 1 (print and sign entire document)
- Template email for remote signings: Approach 2 (print and sign signature page only)
- Template email for remote signings (attaching signature pages): Approach 3 (sign signature page in advance)
- Template email for remote signings (authority to close): Approach 3 (sign signature page in advance)

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- Execution block (agreement): company: by common seal
- Execution block (agreement): company: by signature of authorised representative
- Execution block (agreement): company: by signature of sole director who is also sole company secretary

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- Execution block (agreement): company: by signature of two directors OR one director and one company secretary
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- Execution block (deed): company: by signature of authorised representative
- Execution block (deed): company: by signature of sole director who is also sole company secretary
- Execution block (deed): company: by signature of two directors OR one director and one company secretary
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 - A toolkit for companies executing deeds and documents

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