

Announcement 1: Outdoor Non-Food Retail:

The regulations now permit the reopening of Garden Centres and that same thinking has been applied to other spacious settings which materially involve the use of outdoor space in that retail activity. The policy intent is to include the following sectors / retail activities, (which in the main are covered by SIC Code 45.1):

New & Used Car Retailers

Retailers of Light Motor Vehicles, Lorries & Trailers

Retailers of Caravans or Motorhomes

Retailers of Agricultural or Other Large Machinery

Announcement 2: “Lower Frequency” Retail (Initial Steps):

The next step is based upon managing risks through some combination of the following:

- The size of outlets, with bigger outlets having more space creating the greater potential to manage social distancing for any given customer level; and
- The location of those larger size outlets, with standalone retail outlets and stores situated within retail parks (but not within the confines of a shopping centre) being considered as lower risk; and
- Sub-Sectors, where certain sub-sectors lend themselves to lower shopping densities (less frequency of purchases) and / or where they might typically have larger stores not situated in close proximity to other retail outlets.

The policy intent is to include the following sectors / retail activities where they meet the criteria around standalone retail outlets and stores situated within retail parks (but not within the confines of a shopping centre):

Retail of Electrical Household Appliances (SIC47.54)

Retail Sale of Computers, Peripheral Units and Software (SIC47.41) but excluding the retail of video games

Retail Sale of Audio and Video Equipment (SIC47.43)

Retail of Telecommunications Equipment (SIC47.42)

Retail of Household Furniture and Lighting & other Household Articles (SIC47.59/9)

Retailers of Carpets, Rugs, Curtains, Wall & Floor Coverings (SIC47.53)

All of the above is subject to the actual amendment of the regulations.