[2024] FWCFB 60 [Note: A copy of the zombie agreement to which this decision relates (AC311878) is available on our website.]



DECISION

Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009 Sch. 3, Item 20A(4) - Application to extend default period for agreement-based transitional instruments

Fibrisol Service Australia Pty Ltd T/A Fibrisol (AG2023/4791)

FIBRISOL COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT (2007)

Food, beverages and tobacco manufacturing industry

DEPUTY PRESIDENT ROBERTS DEPUTY PRESIDENT SLEVIN COMMISSIONER ALLISON

SYDNEY, 7 FEBRUARY 2024

Application to extend the default period for the Fibrisol Collective Agreement (2007)

Introduction

- [1] Pursuant to subitem 20A(4) of Sch 3 to the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* Fibrisol Service Australia Pty Ltd t/a Fibrisol has applied to extend the default period for the *Fibrisol Collective Agreement (2007)* (the Agreement). Under subitem 20A(1) the Agreement was to terminate on 6 December 2023.
- [2] The application was made, in accordance with subitem (6)(b), on the grounds that it is reasonable in the circumstances to extend the default period where an enterprise agreement has been made under the *Fair Work Act 2009* that covers the same, or substantially the same, group of employees as are covered by the Agreement. At the time this application was made, the replacement agreement had not yet been approved by the Commission.
- [3] The Commission has since approved the replacement agreement.¹ The purpose of the extension is to ensure the Agreement continued to apply until the replacement enterprise agreement was approved.
- [4] We are satisfied for the purpose of subitem (6)(b) that it is reasonable to extend the default period for the Agreement.
- [5] Pursuant to item 20A(4) of Sch 3 to the Transitional Act, we order that the default period for the Agreement is extended until 7 days after the approval decision of the new replacement agreement on 28 December 2023.

[6] The Agreement is published, in accordance with subitem 20A(10A)(c), on the Fair Work Commission's website.



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