

Sunday Shopping Information

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia released a decision on Oct. 4, 2006, that invalidated certain regulations restricting shopping on Sundays and holidays in Nova Scotia.

The Province of Nova Scotia has decided to change its regulations to allow retail stores of all kinds to determine the days they choose to be open.

Information for Businesses

Changes to regulations under the Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act will remove the restrictions that prevented some stores from legally opening on Sundays and other holidays.

Restrictions related to retail store openings on Remembrance Day remain unchanged. These are governed by the Remembrance Day Act. <http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/remembrc.htm>

The amended regulations will be effective Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, and therefore all stores may choose to open on that day.

There is no change in regulations for those retail outlets that have always been allowed to open on Sundays and holidays.

Businesses who have further questions on this issue may call Communications—Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act, at 424-8787.

Information for Workers

Nova Scotia's Labour Standards Code contains protection for retail workers who are employed in stores opening on Sundays and holidays.

More information is available at www.gov.ns.ca/enla/employmentrights

or contact Labour Standards at 1-888-315-0110

Labour Standards also administers the Holiday pay portion (Section 6) of the Remembrance Day Act.

General Inquiries regarding Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act: please call 424-8787.