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indicate compliance with regulations**

**Part 2: Specific requirements for
electrical safety regulatory applications**

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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee QR-012, Conformance Marking to Regulatory Requirements, to supersede AS/NZS 4417.2:1996 on publication. This Standard was prepared in response to a proposal from the Electrical Regulatory Authorities Council, the Australian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers Association and the Consumer Electronics Suppliers Association.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (January 2005). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the basis for a uniform Australian/New Zealand regulatory compliance marking scheme primarily for electrical products (which may be extended to other classes of products in future).

This part of the Standard deals with electrical safety regulations in Australia and New Zealand. These regulations are undergoing a transition both in the means by which compliance is demonstrated, and in terms of harmonization between Australia and New Zealand. To date in Australia, marking of products with the number of the certificate of approval or certificate of suitability has been the usual means of indicating compliance. It is understood that electrical regulators will continue to accept such marking for a period, in parallel with the use of the RCM.

AS/NZS 4417 is published in separate parts as follows:

Part 1: *General rules for use of the mark*

Part 2: *Specific requirements for electrical safety regulatory applications*

Part 3: *Specific requirements for electromagnetic compatibility regulatory applications*

Part 4: *Specific requirements for radio apparatus regulatory applications*

Consideration is being given to including other applications in the Scheme in future, including—

- (a) medical equipment regulatory applications; and
- (b) energy efficiency/minimum energy performance.

This Standard incorporates Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to AS/NZS 4417.2:1996. It introduces a revised Appendix E, which is a combined Australia/New Zealand list of Regulatory Definitions for electrical articles. The definitions were provided by the Electricity Regulatory Authorities Council (ERAC), and it is anticipated that these definitions will be called into Legislation by Electrical Regulators. Additional changes have been made to Clauses 2, 3.5, 5.1, 5.4 and Table 1. Appendices A, C and D have also been updated.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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Australian/New Zealand Standard**Marking of electrical products to indicate compliance with regulations****Part 2: Specific requirements for electrical safety regulatory applications****1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies the requirements that apply to the use of the Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM) on electrical products to indicate compliance with electrical safety regulations in Australia and New Zealand. It is applicable to low voltage electrical products and products used in low voltage installations, but does not apply to battery-powered products. It is intended to be read in conjunction with [AS/NZS 4417.1](#), which specifies the RCM and sets out general rules for its use.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS/NZS

4417 Marking of electrical products to indicate compliance with regulations

4417.1 Part 1: General rules for the use of the mark

NOTE: Additional Standards are referenced in Appendices D and E.

3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS/NZS 4417.1 and those below apply.

3.1 Electrical regulator

A government agency responsible for the application of electrical safety legislation in Australia or New Zealand. A list of electrical regulators is given in Appendix C.

3.2 Declared article

An electrical product which is required by electrical regulators to be approved before being placed on the market (also known as a prescribed article).

3.3 Non-declared article

An electrical product which is not a declared article (and which, as a consequence, does not require regulatory approval before being placed on the market).

3.4 Certificate of approval (CA)

A certificate which is issued by electrical regulators indicating approval for sale, based on testing to safety standards of an electrical product which is a declared article.

3.5 Certificate of suitability (CS)

A certificate which provides a presumption of compliance with safety requirements based on testing of a non-declared article for conformance to relevant Standards.

In Australia, certificates of suitability are issued by electrical regulators indicating that the product is suitable for connection.

NOTE: In Victoria the term 'Certificate of Suitability' is no longer used, and the same document is referred to as a 'Certificate of Compliance'. For the purpose of this Standard, the term 'Certificate of Suitability' also includes 'Certificate of Compliance'.



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