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Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Section 7(3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT – PROPOSED COMPLIANCE CODES

Pursuant to section 7(3) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** (the Act), before WorkSafe Victoria (the trading name of the Victorian Workcover Authority) makes a recommendation concerning a proposed compliance code, it must issue the proposed compliance code for public review and comment. WorkSafe Victoria proposes to recommend the making of nine compliance codes.

Notice is hereby given of a period of public review and comment, commencing this day, Friday 28 March 2008.

Compliance codes are made for the purpose of providing practical guidance to persons who have duties or obligations under the Act or regulations. A failure to comply with a compliance code does not give rise to any criminal or civil liability. If a compliance code makes provision for or with respect to a duty or obligation imposed by the Act or regulations and the person complies with the compliance code to the extent that it makes that provision, the person is, for the purposes of the Act and regulations, taken to have complied with the Act or regulations in relation to that duty or obligation.

The nine proposed compliance codes are:–

- Communicating Health & Safety Across Languages;
- Workplace Amenities and Work Environment;
- Lead;
- Confined Spaces;
- First Aid in the Workplace;
- Prevention of Falls in General Construction;
- Foundries;
- Management of Asbestos in Workplaces; and
- Removal of Asbestos in Workplaces.

Public Comment Submissions

Public comments are invited on the nine compliance codes. Copies can be obtained by contacting the WorkSafe Advisory Service on 1800 136 089, visiting the WorkSafe website (www.worksafe.vic.gov.au) or emailing publications@worksafe.vic.gov.au. Written submissions or comments on the proposed compliance codes may be made to WorkSafe up to close of business Thursday 24 April 2008. Submissions forwarded or postmarked beyond that date may not be considered. All submissions and comments will be treated as public documents unless specifically and clearly identified as being confidential.

Submissions can be emailed to compliancecodes@worksafe.vic.gov.au, or addressed to: Public Comment, Manager, Information & Guidance Branch, WorkSafe Victoria, GPO Box 4306, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

Enquiries about the compliance codes should be directed to the WorkSafe Advisory Service on 1800 136 089 during office hours (8.30 am to 5.00 pm).

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