# **Other Notices**

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## **ELECTRICITY (CONSUMER SAFETY) ACT 2004**

## **PROHIBITION NOTICE**

Section 21

I, JOHN TANSEY, Assistant Commissioner, Home Building Service, as delegate on behalf of the Director-General NSW Fair Trading under the Electricity (Consumer Safety) Act 2004 ("the Act"):

- 1. pursuant to section 21(1) of the Act prohibit the sale of a flexible heating pad incorporating a bladder containing a conductive liquid and electrodes that are used for heating the internal liquid ("the flexible heating pad") specified in Schedule 1, from the date of publication of this notice in the Gazette; and
- 2. issue this notice believing on reasonable grounds as specified in Schedule 2 that:
  - (a) the flexible heating pad is, by reason of its design or construction, unsafe to use, and
  - (b) prohibiting the sale of the flexible heating pad is warranted by reason of the potential risk of death or injury to any person or damage to any property arising out of the use of the electrical article.

Dated this 9th day of April 2014.

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## Interpretation

"Director-General" has the same meaning as it has in the Fair Trading Act 1987: See section 3(1) of the Act. Under section 4(1) of the Fair Trading Act 1987, "Director-General" relevantly refers to "the Commissioner for Fair Trading, Department of Commerce".

#### SCHEDULE 1

A flexible heating pad (also known as an electric hot water bottle or electric hot pack) incorporating a bladder containing a liquid and internal electrical components used in heating the internal liquid. (declared class: flexible heating pad).

## SCHEDULE 2

The flexible heating pad also known as an electrical hot water bottle or electric heat pack, is unsafe to use because of its design, construction or manufacture, which can result in the flexible heating pad potentially causing an electrical shock while in use.

The flexible heating pad design is emerging technology and no relevant standard totally captures its design and use. The electrical hot water bottle is non-compliant to the relevant standard of essential safety requirements of Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 60335.1 clause 22.33.). This flexible heating pad is a declared article under the definition of 'Flexible Heating pad'.

The flexible heating pad is designed to be connected to power to heat up the liquids contained within the bladder with the aid of electrodes. However the articles' present design allows it to be used while it is connected to the power supply.

When examined by Fair Trading the flexible heating pad was found to have several serious safety concerns. These serious concerns were identified as:

- 1. The use of electrodes as cause of heating the internal liquid.
  - a. Exposed electrodes heat the internal liquid which can conduct an electric current from the electrodes to a user via indirect contact through the outer bladder.
- 2. Can be charged whilst in use by consumers.
  - a. Currently the design of the flexible heating pad allows the use of the pad while it is being charged, increasing the risk of electric shock.
- 3. Construction/design/material in particular the construction of the bladder.
  - a. This bladder is all that insulates a user from the inner electrodes. If the integrity of the bladder is compromised it may result in an electric shock. Serious concerns are raised as to the integrity of the bladder against puncture, splitting or over-pressure caused by internal electrical fault, degradation or external forces.
- 4. Child appealing designs.
  - a. Fair Trading has observed several flexible heating pads specifically marketed for children. These designs have been in the form of animal characters. These designs are inviting children to use, what is currently, an unsafe article. The standard prohibits an enclosure that is shaped or decorated like a toy.

The question of the compliance of this type of flexible heating pad was presented to the New South Wales Fair Trading Electrical Equipment Safety Advisory Committee (EESAC) constituted under Clause 31 of the Electricity (Consumer Safety) Regulation 2006. On Friday 8 November 2013 the committee agreed that the flexible heating pad was non-compliant to the Standard and that the certificate of approval covering this flexible heating pad should be immediately cancelled.

A certificate of approval had been issued in error and has since been cancelled.

The committee agreed that AS/NZS 60335.1 clause 22.33 prohibits the design of the flexible heating pad and agreed that electrodes as referenced in the Standard should not be used to heat liquids in this manner. The committee recommended that improved testing is required to verify the safety of the flexible heating pad as the current AS/NZ Standard is not sufficient.

The committee agreed that the safety risk could be reduced if the flexible heating pad was charged through the use of a docking station or a similar way. This would prevent the misuse of the flexible heating pad when connected to an electrical supply.

Compliance of the flexible heating pad was also questioned at the February 2014 meeting of the EL-002 committee. The EL-002 committee is the Australian/New Zealand standards committee that administers AS/NZS 60335.1. Again the flexible heating pad was confirmed to be non-compliant.

Since November 2013 Fair Trading has had ongoing discussions with the main supplier of the flexible heating pads who agreed to stop their sale and remove the items from the marketplace.

Fair Trading has explored design changes that may render the article safer to use, however stringent testing is required to ensure essential safety requirements are met.

Recent surveys in the marketplace and via online sales by Fair Trading have established the continued sale of several variants of the non-compliant flexible heating pads. These sales are occurring primarily at pharmaceutical stores and an increase in online auction sites. Even more concerning is the recent discovery of imported models which appear to be inferior to those models located in stores.

One major supplier has indicated that a new type of flexible heating pad will be sold to replace non-compliant product. Fair Trading is concerned that with no satisfactory testing completed, any new models will still carry the serious safety concerns already raised.

Fair Trading continues to hold severe concerns regarding the flexible heating pad and its design. With winter approaching, Fair Trading is concerned that the colder months will further promote the sale and use of the flexible heating pad and in turn increase the risk of injury to people using the product. As the regulator of electrical safety in NSW, Fair Trading seeks to use its legislative powers to prohibit the sale of flexible heating pads until we are satisfied that they meet essential safety requirements.

#### **HOUSING ACT 2001**

#### **ERRATA**

THE Executive Order published in the *NSW Government Gazette* of 16 August 2013 on folio 3774 to vest land in St George Community Housing Limited had an incorrect street address and incorrect title reference.

The correct street address and title reference is 6 Austin Crescent and 19 Omaha Street, Belfield, being Lot 1 and Lot 2 in DP 1180844, Parish of St George, County of Cumberland.

This notice corrects those errors and the gazettal date remains 16 August 2013.

# **LEGAL PROFESSION ADMISSION RULES 2005**

THE Legal Profession Admission Board has approved amendments to the Legal Profession Admission Rules 2005.

First Schedule (Forms)

Form 1, Application for Registration as a Student-at-law Item 6 (Certification & Authorisation):

Delete: "a" in between "am" and "suitable".

Dated 7 April 2014.

ROBIN SZABO, Executive Officer, Legal Profession Admission Board