

Regulatory & Standards Update

Illuminations Article

Lighting Council Australia members have been provided with a more detailed report on the below items. Such a report is provided to members after Australian and international standards meetings.

Regulatory misalignment

Lighting Council Australia continues to make representations to policy makers at both a state and Federal Government level regarding the need to align electrical safety regulations. Currently, state regulations are divergent in terms of scope, standards, product marking, certification and registration and this is leading to confusion, high compliance costs, low compliance rates and significant commercial risk.

NSW regulatory standards update

The NSW Regulator has recently updated the standards they apply to various declared article lighting products in the NSW Government Gazette.

Acceptance of the RCM in NSW

The NSW electrical safety regulator has recently clarified their acceptance criteria regarding the use of the RCM as an acceptable compliance mark. Absurdly, in some cases the RCM is acceptable to use alone and in other cases the NSW Regulator asks for the approval number to be marked.

Standards update

Australian regulators have identified a potential safety hazard with some luminaires when covers/diffusers are removed for cleaning. Lighting Council Australia has highlighted that standards changes, if implemented in a clumsy way, could have widespread commercial consequences (i.e. requiring re-design luminaires) and a careful approach is needed. Unfortunately, some Australian regulators are also proposing unilateral regulatory action in Australia. Lighting Council Australia is advocating a sensible approach that does not affect products that are not problematic.

Standards Australia has recently published a dozen new and revised standards relevant to lighting equipment.

The draft LED lamp minimum energy performance standard and the revised incandescent lamp performance standard are now out for public comment up until 3 December 2020. These standards will form an important part of the technical requirements for lighting energy efficiency regulation over the coming years so lamp suppliers are advised to carefully consider these drafts.

AS/NZS 1158.1.1 - Lighting for roads and public spaces Vehicular traffic (Category V) lighting and a significantly revised *AS 2560.2 Sports lighting* will soon be issued for public comment.



Standards Australia will soon publish two rulings to clarify the testing requirements for recessed luminaires and drivers.