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Purpose

WorkSafe New Zealand is consulting on a proposed safe work instrument (SWI) that will specify a new standard for the purposes of regulation 15.33(2)(d) of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

About safe work instruments

A SWI is a form of legislation that supports or supplements regulations. SWIs allow for greater flexibility and more timely updates to the regulatory framework, reflecting changes in technology, standards, and health and safety practices.

The WorkSafe New Zealand Act 2013 gives WorkSafe the function of developing SWIs. Section 227 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) allows SWIs to define terms, prescribe matters, or make other provision in relation to any activity or thing, including (without limitation) listing standards, control of substances, and competency requirements. SWIs have legal effect only if they are referred to in regulations.

A SWI must be approved by the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety. To approve a SWI, the Minister must be satisfied that the appropriate persons and organisations have been consulted.

Learn more about [Safe Work Instruments](#)

The proposal

The proposed SWI will specify the standard AS 4627:2017 Quick-connect devices for gas (Amendment 1) for the purposes of regulation 15.33(2)(d). The standard refers to the Type 27 fitting. Specifying it in the SWI will allow that fitting to be imported and supplied in New Zealand.

The Type 27 fitting has nearly identical safety features to the Quick Closing Coupling (QCC) fitting referenced in CGA V 1:2013, already cited in regulation 15.33(2)(b), but with a higher manufacturing tolerance.

We would like feedback on whether Amendment No.1 to AS 4627:2017 Quick-connect devices for gas (Amendment 1) should be specified as a standard for the valve inlet connection of an LPG regulator for the purposes of regulation 15.33.

How to have your say

WorkSafe would appreciate your feedback on the SWI. Have your say by reviewing the proposed SWI and completing and returning the submission form.

Please note that the questions are prompts to get you thinking about the issues, and your comments are not restricted to answering these questions.

If you have any questions during public consultation, please contact us by emailing: regulatory.frameworks@worksafe.govt.nz

The deadline for receipt of all submissions is **5pm on Tuesday, 27 June 2023.**

How to access the standard

You can inspect a copy of the standard, free of charge, between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm from Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) at WorkSafe located at Level 6, 86 Customhouse Quay, Wellington 6011.

To organise a time to inspect the standard, contact WorkSafe using the following email: regulatory.frameworks@worksafe.govt.nz

You can download a copy of Amendment No.1 free of charge from Standards Australia at: www.standards.org.au

You will need to create an account to download the standard.

Your submission may be made public

The Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) allows New Zealand citizens and permanent residents, or anyone in New Zealand, to request official information from the government – including copies of submissions.

WorkSafe will let you know if we receive an OIA request for a copy of your submission. The content of your submission may be made available to the public; however, you can indicate on the response form whether you would prefer your details to be kept confidential.

WorkSafe will manage any personal information you supply in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

Next steps

Once consultation has closed, we will analyse all submissions, and use the feedback to inform the final SWI.

We will then present the SWI to the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety for consideration. If the SWI is approved, we will:

- notify the SWI in the New Zealand Gazette
- advise stakeholders and submitters on the consultation
- publish the SWI on WorkSafe's public website, and
- publish a summary of submissions.

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