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Stakeholders

Insulated Pins – Plugs and Integral Pin Devices

I refer to your recent enquiry and advise that the Electrical Regulatory Authorities Council (ERAC) has received a number of submissions from concerned industry companies/associations regarding the implementation of the above in order to meet the stipulated compliance date of 3 April 2005.

Despite nearly five years notice and many stakeholders taking the necessary steps to comply, a number of stakeholders are now claiming substantial unexpected costs as a result of the changeover to insulated pins.

While there is a need to support those who have endeavoured to comply, the size of the claimed costs has resulted in the majority of Australian and New Zealand appliance regulators acceding to requests for temporary relief to allow sales of stocks of uninsulated pins as existing on 3 April 2005.

Legal requirements vary between jurisdictions and it is not feasible to set out the detailed requirements of each jurisdiction – therefore this letter should be taken as providing general information only. ERAC recommends that those affected contact their local jurisdiction regulator and/or seek legal advice about local legal requirements.

Hirers will be permitted to continue to hire existing stock (where fitted with uninsulated pins) but purchase of new hire stock will need to be in accordance with the local jurisdiction requirements.

Retailers should be encouraged to sell existing uninsulated stock before insulated pin stock.

Kevan McGill
COORDINATING CHAIR

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