



## Environment, Safety and Health Management System

# May 2010 Update Summary of Changes

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# 1. Major Legislative Changes

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This update includes new and amended regulations and codes of practice which cover a wide range of requirements and reference a large number of Australian standards. As a result, these new issues affect quite a few of the guidelines. These changes include:

## **Commonwealth**

- New Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Management of Greenhouse Gas Well Operations) Regulations 2010
- Amendment of Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988
- Issue of the Building Code of Australia 2010

## **New South Wales**

- Amendment of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008

## **Victoria**

- New Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) (Extractive Industries) Regulations 2010
- Amendment of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Amendment of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007
- New Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010

## **Queensland**

- New Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulation 2010
- New Planning and Environment Court Rules 2010
- Amendment of the Radiation Safety Act 1999
- New Transport (Rail Safety) Act 2010
- Amendment of the Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995

## **Western Australia**

- New Gas Supply (Gas Quality Specifications) Regulations 2010
- Amendment of the Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996
- New Code of Practice - Safe design of buildings and structures 2010

## **South Australia**

- Amendment of the Environment Protection Regulations 2009
- New Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010
- New Code of Practice for Wastewater Overflow Management 2010
- Adoption of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code) by the Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010



- Adoption of the Industry Code of Practice for the Management of Clinical and Related Wastes, 5th edition, 2007 by the Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010

#### **Tasmania**

- Amendment of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994
- New Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Controlled Waste Tracking) Regulations 2010
- Amendment of the Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995

#### **Northern Territory**

- New Rail Safety Act 2010 (some provisions commenced March 2010)

#### **Australian Capital Territory**

- Amendment of the Dangerous Goods (Road Transport) Act 2009
- New Dangerous Goods (Road Transport) Regulation 2010
- Amendment of the Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Act 2009
- New Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2010
- Adoption of the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code) by the Dangerous Goods (Road Transport) Regulation 2010)

#### **New Zealand**

- Renaming of the former Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001 as the Accident Compensation Act 2001
- New Building (Designation of Building Work Licence Classes) Order 2010
- New Building Practitioners (Licensing Fees and Levy) Regulations 2010
- New Building Practitioners (Register of Licensed Building Practitioners) Regulations 2010
- New Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010
- New Gas (Safety and Measurement) Regulations 2010
- New Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Regulations 2010

References to these documents and the Australian standards they reference have been included in the ES&H guidelines, as applicable in each case. For all of the legislative changes included in this update, refer to [section 6](#) below).

## 2. Changes to Government Departments and Authorities

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### 2.1. Commonwealth Department of Climate Change

The URL of the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change Web Site has changed and is now <http://www.climatechange.gov.au/>. The change has been incorporated in the documents, as applicable.

### 2.2. NSW Department of Planning

The URL of the NSW Department of Planning Web Site has changed and is now <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/>. The change has been incorporated in the documents, as applicable.

### 2.3. Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management

Publications and other documents previously available from the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency, can now be accessed on the Queensland Environment and Resource Management web site (<http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/>). The change has been incorporated in the documents, as applicable.

### 2.4. Queensland Health – Food Safety

The URL of Queensland Health – Food Safety Web Site has changed and is now <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/foodsafety/>. The change has been incorporated in the documents, as applicable.

### 2.5. Western Australian Legislation Web Site

The URL of the Western Australian Legislation Web Site has changed and is now <http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/default.html>. The change has been incorporated in the documents, as applicable.

### 2.6. ACT Work Safety Commissioner

Guidance material and publications issued by the ACT Work Safety Commissioner (<http://www.worksafety.act.gov.au/>) have been added to the guidelines, as applicable.

### 2.7. ACT WorkCover Authority

The URL of ACT WorkCover Authority Web Site has changed and is now <http://www.ors.act.gov.au/WorkCover>. The change has been incorporated in the documents, as applicable.

### 3. Guidelines Changes

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The following are changes to the set of ES&H Guidelines, included as part of this update.

#### 3.1. New Guideline for Formwork

A new ES&H Guideline has been added to the set of guideline. ESH-144 Formwork, which covers the requirements associated with ES&H aspects formwork, including legislative compliance, formwork design, preparation, planning and risk assessment, work systems and control measures, formwork erection and stripping, additional safety and health precautions, testing, and certification and records.

#### 3.2. Guidelines Title Changes

The titles of two ES&H Compliance Guidelines have been changed to better reflect the issues they cover. These are:

- The title of ESH-008 (formerly 'Document Control') has been changed to 'Documentation and Document Control'; and
- The title of ESH-088 (formerly 'Rehabilitation') has been changed to 'Rehabilitation and Return to Work'.

These changes have been incorporated in the various documents, as applicable.

#### 3.3. National OHS Audit Tool Document Map

A document map for the National OHS Audit Tool has been added to the set of guidelines. References to the requirements of the NAT (National Audit Tool) have also been added to section 8.3 (Management Systems Standards) of the relevant ES&H Guidelines.

### 4. Changes to 'Issues to be Addressed'

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The following 4 changes have been incorporated in the 'Issues to be Addressed' (i.e. requirements) section of ES&H Guidelines:

No.	Changed ES&H Guideline	Jurisdiction	Brief Description of the Change	Reasons for Change
1	ESH-033 Security	Tasmania	Time limits on the operation of intruder alarms applying to both premises and vehicle intruder alarms.	Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Regulations 2004, as amended in February 2010 by the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Miscellaneous Noise) Amendment Regulations



No.	Changed ES&H Guideline	Jurisdiction	Brief Description of the Change	Reasons for Change
				2010
2	ESH-055 Transport of Materials and Goods	Queensland	Requirements related to 'Rail Safety Work' and its meaning in legislation.	Requirements of the Queensland Transport (Rail Safety) Act 2010 (some provisions commenced March 2010)
3	ESH-063 Management of Wastes	South Australia	Arrangements to manage the risks associated with waste water overflow.	Requirements of the South Australia Code of Practice for Wastewater Overflow Management 2010 (commenced March 2010)
4	ESH-123 Work Areas Safety	All	Issues related to the management of ground stability.	Continuous improvement

## 5. Revised Documents

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The following documents have been revised and re-issued as part of this update:

- ES&H Guidelines, as listed in the [Document Register](#)
- Individual Audit Sheets (to reflect changes to 'Issues to be Addressed'), as follows:
  - ESH-AD-063 Management of Wastes
  - ESH-AD-123 Work Areas Safety
- Consolidated List of ES&H-related Legislation
- Index of Keywords
- Audit Protocol
- Nine (9) Document maps (refer section 4.4 of the [Document Register](#))

## 6. Summary of Legislative Changes

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The following are changes to acts, regulations and codes of practice covered by this update. For details, refer to the consolidated list of [ES&H-Related Legislation](#) and to sections 8.1 and 8.2 of individual ES&H Guidelines, as applicable.

Please note: the summary of ES&H-related legislative changes is included only in the version provided to customers. However, a sample may be provided on request (email to [info@managementsystems.com.au](mailto:info@managementsystems.com.au)).

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