

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1989  
AUSTRALIAN STANDARD – SAFE WORKING IN A CONFINED SPACE  
AS2865–1995 [NOHSC:1009(1994)]  
NO. 279 OF 1996

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 87(1) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* provides that the Minister can approve codes of practice for the purpose of providing practical guidance to employers, self-employed persons and employees

This amending Instrument is written pursuant to Section 87 of the Act

The Australian Standard – Safe Working in a Confined Space – was approved in 1995 in accordance with Section 87(2) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*. The ACT Occupational Health and Safety Council recommended the adoption of the Australian Standard – Safe Working in a Confined Space – for application in the Australian Capital Territory. One of the two references to the Code in the 1995 instrument incorrectly referred to the date of the Australian Standard as 1985 rather than 1995. This instrument corrects the title of the approved Code.

The Australian Standard – Safe Working in a Confined Space – applies to the design, manufacture, supply and use of confined spaces in the workplace. The Standard establishes hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control procedures for safe working in a confined space. Confined spaces include, but are not limited to, storage tanks, boilers, pressure vessels, silos, pipes, sewers and shafts. The Standard does not apply to underground mining or tunnelling work, or work that is carried out at other than normal atmospheric pressures.

Tabling copies of the Standard were provided at the time when the original instrument was laid before the Assembly.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1996



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