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Outline of Regulations

The Regulations prescribes certain matters required under the Act to be prescribed.

The Regulations establish the responsibilities for persons doing or supervising gasfitting work on consumer piping systems. These responsibilities include conforming to industry standards and testing for defects and leaks. The Regulations also establish notification and compliance procedures, including the placing of compliance indicators, the issuance of compliance certificates and immediate notification in the event of a consumer piping system being unsafe.

The Regulations are transferred from the gasfitting requirements set out under the Gas Supply Regulations which is repealed on the enactment of the Act. There are no significant changes to previous regulatory requirements or additional impacts on the gas industry or gas consumers.

Revenue / Cost Implications

Cost of regulation is to be recouped by a fee payable when a certificate of compliance is lodged by a gasfitter. The fee aligns the audit of gasfitting work with building fees.

Detailed notes

Part 1: Preliminary

Regulations 1 to 4 are formal provisions typically found in legislation.

Regulation 1 sets out the short title of the Regulations.

Regulation 2 specifies that the Regulations will commence on the day they are notified in the Gazette.

Regulation 3 provides that the dictionary at the end of the Regulations forms part of the Regulations.

Regulation 4 provides that a note included in the Regulations is explanatory and is not part of the Regulations.

Part 2: Work safety and standards

Regulations 5 to 17 cover gasfitting work, which is work on a consumer piping system up to but not including any gas appliances attached to the piping system.

Regulation 5 establishes that normal gasfitting work and gasfitting work on a high pressure consumer piping system may be done by holders of certain classes of

Part 3: Use of consumer piping systems and appliances

Regulation 18 establishes that a consumer piping system must not be used unless a certificate of compliance has been prepared for or a compliance indicator is fixed to the system.

Part 4: Miscellaneous

Regulations 19 and 20 deal with miscellaneous matters.

Regulation 19 establishes that the chief executive may approve defect tags for the regulations, and, if he or she does so, the approved defect tags must be used for those purposes.

Regulation 20 establishes that if an accident in which gas causes, or contributes to damage to property where the reasonable cost of repair or replacement exceeds \$2000, it is a serious gas accident for the purpose of the Act.

Part 5: Savings and transitional provisions

Regulations 21 and 22 provide a scheme to ensure that the requirements regarding certificates of compliance and records of certificate information under the Gas Supply Regulations 1999 retain their validity after the commencement of the Regulations.

Regulation 21 provides that a person who issued a certificate under regulation 17(1) of the Gas Supply Regulations 1999 must keep a copy of the certificate for at least 2 years from the day it was issued.

Regulation 22 provides that the owner or operator of the distribution pipeline must keep a record of the information contained in a certificate issued under regulation 17(1) of the Gas Supply Regulations 1999 for 10 years from the day the copy of the certificate was received.