



ACT Government

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
*OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1989*

**National Standard for Occupational Noise [NOHSC:1007(2000)]  
and National Code of Practice for Noise Management and  
Protection of Hearing at Work [NOHSC:2009(2000)]**

**INSTRUMENT No. 27 of 2001**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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

This instrument is written pursuant to Section 87 of the Act. This instrument revokes the formerly approved Occupational Noise National Standard [NOHSC:1007(1993)] and National Code of Practice [NOHSC:2009(1993)] and approves a revised Occupational Noise National Standard [NOHSC:1007(2000)] and National Code of Practice [NOHSC:2009(2000)] as a code of practice under subsection 87(1) of the Act.

The revised national standard updates the measurement of peak noise from an unweighted (linear) peak sound pressure level to a C-weighted peak sound pressure level. C-weighting measurement is a more reliable form of measurement.

The levels specified in the *National Standard for Occupational Noise* [NOHSC: 1007(2000)] are the maximum acceptable exposure levels for noise in the workplace. The *National Code of Practice for Noise Management and Protection of Hearing at Work* [NOHSC: 2009(2000)] provides practical guidance on how the national standard can be achieved.

The decision to approve this Code of Practice was taken after the Minister had received advice from the ACT Occupational Health and Safety Council in accordance with subsection 87(2) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*.

Dated this .....12..... day of February 2001

**BRENDAN MICHAEL SMYTH  
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