

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1989**

**VARIATION TO ACT FIRST AID IN THE WORKPLACE CODE OF PRACTICE**

**NO. 100 OF 1997**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

Section 87(1) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* provides that the Minister can approve a codes of practice or a variation to a code 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.

The ACT First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice – was approved in 1994 in accordance with Section 87(2) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*. The ACT Occupational Health and Safety Council has recommended that the Code be varied to exclude Paracetamol from the list of items required to be included in a basic first aid kit.

The Council has made this recommendation because Paracetamol is not used in rendering first aid but is used as a form of medical treatment and therefore is inappropriate to a first aid kit. The Council also expressed concern about Paracetamol abuse and concern that its use could mask more serious illnesses requiring proper medical treatment.

Dated this

*Twenty first*

day of

*April*

1997

  
TREVOR THOMAS KAINE  
MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS