

Regulatory Update

New Zealand and Australia – Labelling Requirements – 1st July 2012

New Zealand and Australian Regulatory Authorities are proposing to implement a new and single mark of compliance – the RCM (Regulatory Compliance Mark). The RCM is already an approved mark, and the change will simplify labelling by removing the alternative use of the C-Tick and A-Tick marks. These new regulations are planned to come into effect on 1st July 2012.

For Australia, further details have already been published on the ACMA webpage http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_410297. They state:

- The C-Tick and A-Tick compliance marks are to be phased out. A new database will be established for all supplier registration and the supplier identification requirements removed from the labelling notices.
- From 1 July 2012, the new arrangements will only apply to **new** suppliers—those not registered on the ACMA supplier database.
- From 1 July 2015, the arrangements will apply to **all** suppliers.

For New Zealand, further details are due to be published shortly on the RSM webpage.

Until these regulations come into effect, currently labelling regulations will apply.

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