

SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN EMC, EMR, TELECOMS AND RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS

The ACMA is responsible for Telecommunications, Radiocommunications, EMR and EMC regulations in Australia.

Each regulatory regime is mandated by one of the following Labelling Notices (all as amended):-

- Telecommunications Labelling (Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling) Notice 2001
- Radiocommunications Devices (Compliance Labelling) Notice 2003
- Radiocommunications (Compliance Labelling – Electromagnetic Radiation) Notice 2003
- Radiocommunications (Compliance Labelling – Cordless and Mobile Phones) Notice 1999

RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES

Accountability for compliance with the regulations rests with the Australian Supplier. In general terms the Supplier is either:

- an Australian Manufacturer; or
- an Australian Importer; or
- the authorised Agent of the Australian Manufacturer or Importer

All Australian Suppliers must register with the ACMA and are issued a unique “Supplier Code”.

ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE

To establish compliance, Suppliers must satisfy four basic requirements:

1. Establish sound technical grounds for compliance with Australian standards;
2. Make and hold a Declaration of Conformity;
3. Prepare a Compliance Folder or Technical Construction File (TCF); and
4. Label the product as directed.

This is self-regulatory regime where the Supplier is not required to apply for approval to label the equipment. Therefore compliance is enforced by random sampling of product and auditing of compliance documentation.

Penalties for wilfully disregarding the regulations are severe.

APPLICABLE STANDARDS

The applicable standards are specified in each Labelling Notice as listed above. In many cases the standards applicable are Australian Technical Standards which do not have a European or American equivalent.

Australian Technical Standards are published by SAI Global and can be ordered from their website: www.saiglobal.com

LABELLING

For radiocommunications devices or specified electrical and electronic devices the Compliance Label consists of a C-Tick mark or a Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM) with Supplier identifier.

For telecommunications customer equipment and customer cabling the Compliance Label consists of an A-Tick with Supplier identifier.



C-TICK



RCM



A-TICK

The Supplier identifier may be one of the following:

- Supplier Code number issued by the ACMA;
- Australian Company Number;
- Registered name and address of supplier; or
- Australian registered trademark.

Conditions of use of the Compliance marks shown above can be accessed from the ACMA website:
www.acma.gov.au

The RCM will replace C-tick and A-tick under new regulations to apply from July 2012. Existing labels may be used until 2015.