

NEW EDITION OF THE WIRING RULES MANDATED FROM 1 JULY 2008

Director of Energy Safety, Ken Gardner, has re-iterated that the new edition of the Wiring Rules – AS/NZS 3000:2007 – will be mandated from 1 July this year.

When it comes to enforcing the new Rules, ESV's position must be clearly understood by the electrical trades.

Strictly speaking the new Rules apply from their date of publication, which was November 12 last year. Therefore, ESV expects the trade to work to them as soon as practicable, but be compliant by 30 June 2008.

We accept that the adoption of the new Rules from a practical and commercial perspective is not an easy task. Therefore between now and 1 July 2008, where breaches of the Wiring Rules are detected, we will exercise our discretion when considering enforcement.”

ESV is also fully aware that because of changes to clauses and the structure of the new edition, updates have to be made to the current Electricity Safety (Installation) Regulations 1999.

For instance some of the terms in the regulations do not correlate with the new Wiring Rules. So work is underway at ESV in matching the regulations to the Rules.