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for or with respect to

Prescribing the Quality of Materials, Fittings, and Apparatus to be used in or for purposes of or for connexion to Electrical Installations, and the methods to be followed in carrying out Electrical Wiring Work and in installing such Materials, Fittings, and Apparatus and for or with respect to Inspections of Installations.

PURSUANT to the powers in that behalf conferred by the State Electricity Commission Acts, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council of that State, doth hereby, on the recommendation of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, make the following Regulations for or with respect to prescribing the quality of materials, fittings, and apparatus to be used in or for purposes of or for connexion to electrical installations and the methods to be followed in carrying out electrical wiring work and in installing such materials, fittings, and apparatus and for or with respect to inspections of installations, that is to say:—

PRELIMINARY.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wiring Regulations 1950.

2. These Regulations are divided into Parts and Sections as follows:—

Introductory and General.

Part I.—Methods.

Section 1.—General Requirements—Testing of Installations.

Section 2.—Arrangement and Control.

Section 3.—Installation of Wiring.

Section 4.—Installation of Apparatus and Appliances.

Section 5.—Earthing.

Section 6.—Special Situations.

Section 7.—High and Extra High Pressure Installations—Extra Low Pressure Installations.

Part II.—Materials, including Fittings, Accessories, Appliances, and Apparatus.

Section 1.—Scope—General Requirements.

Section 2.—Control Equipment—Composition Switchboard Panels.

Section 3.—Cables, Flexible Cords, and Protective Coverings.

Section 4.—Apparatus and Appliances.

Section 5.—Earthing—Earth Clips.

3. The Regulations made on the 22nd day of May, 1934, and the 4th day of December, 1934, and the 20th day of December, 1937, respectively, and published in the *Government Gazette*, No. 92, dated 28th day of May, 1934, and No. 96, dated 12th day of December, 1934, and No. 385, dated 22nd day of December, 1937, are hereby repealed: Provided that this repeal shall not affect any right acquired, or any liability incurred, or any act, matter, or thing done or suffered under the said repealed Regulations or any of them before the commencement of these Regulations; and any approval, permit, sanction, or authority given or expressed, and any requirement or prohibition made under the repealed regulations shall be deemed to have been given, expressed, or made respectively under the corresponding provisions of these Regulations.

4. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st March, 1950.

INTRODUCTORY AND GENERAL.

Application of and Exemptions from Regulations—
Wiring Permits—Notices—Switchboard Label—
Supply Connexions and Conditions—Offences—
Definitions.

Application of Regulations.

1. (a) These Regulations shall apply to all installations which are connected or are intended to be connected to supply mains.

(b) Every addition to, or alteration of, an existing installation shall be deemed to be a new installation, and all the relevant provisions of these Regulations shall apply to such alteration or addition.

2. The Regulations of Part II. (Materials, &c.) shall be read as one with the Regulations of Part I. (Methods), and no person shall install as part of or in connexion with an installation any wire, cable, material, fitting, apparatus, or appliance which conflicts with the requirements of the said Part II.

3. (a) Except as provided to the contrary in or pursuant to these Regulations, no person shall use or connect to any supply main, and no supply authority shall connect or permit to be connected to its electric lines any wiring, cables, materials, fittings, apparatus, or appliances forming part of any installation unless the said wiring, cables, materials, fittings, apparatus, or appliances, and all other things which form part of the said installation, and have been installed, fixed, or fitted after the date of coming into operation of these Regulations, comply with the requirements of these Regulations and have satisfactorily passed the tests specified in these Regulations.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) of this regulation, the supply authority may, in case of urgency, on the recommendation of its installation inspector, permit an installation to be temporarily connected to its supply mains although one or more of the requirements of these Regulations have not been satisfied: Provided that no such permission shall be granted unless the installation otherwise generally complies with the requirements of these Regulations and is, in the opinion of the said inspector, reasonably free from electrical hazard. Such permission shall be