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STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA

REGULATIONS

for or with respect to

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

Pursuant to the powers in that behalf conferred by the State Electricity Commission Acts, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the State of Victoria, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council of that State, **DOETH 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 connection to electrical installations and the methods to be followed in carrying out electrical wiring work and in installing such materials, fittings, and apparatus, that is to say:—

PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wiring Regulations 1961.
2. These Regulations are divided into Parts and Sections as follows:—

INTRODUCTORY AND GENERAL

PART I—Wiring Methods.

Section 1 — General Requirements.

Section 2 — General Arrangement, Control and Protection.

- Section 3 — Installation of Wiring.
- Section 4 — Installation of Equipment.
- Section 5 — Earthing.
- Section 6 — Special Situations.
- Section 7 — Extra-Low Voltage Installations.
- Section 8 — High Voltage Installations.

PART II—Materials, Fittings and Apparatus used in Electrical Installations.

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, and the 14th day of February, 1950, respectively, and published in the Government Gazette No. 92, dated the 28th day of May, 1934, and No. 96, dated the 12th day of December, 1934, and No. 385, dated the 22nd day of December, 1937, and No. 142, dated the 22nd day of February, 1950, are hereby repealed: Provided that this repeal shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of sub-section 4 of section 7 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958, and provided further that any approval, permit, sanction, or authority given or expressed, and any requirement or prohibition made under the repealed Regulations, shall be deemed to have been given, expressed, or made respectively under the corresponding provisions of these Regulations.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 5th April, 1961.

INTRODUCTORY AND GENERAL

Application of and Exemptions from Regulations—Wiring Permits — Notices — Supply Connections 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, or repair of, an existing installation shall be deemed to be a new installation, and all the relevant provisions of these Regulations shall apply to such addition or alteration or repair.
2. The Regulations of Part II (Materials, etc.) shall be read as one with the Regulations of Part I (Methods).
3.
 - (a) No person shall use in or for purposes of or for connection to an installation any materials, fittings or apparatus which conflicts with the requirements of the said Regulations of Part II.
 - (b) Except as otherwise provided in or pursuant to these Regulations, no person shall after the date when these Regulations come into operation use in or for purposes of or for connection to any electrical installation any materials, fittings or apparatus unless the said materials, fittings or apparatus and all other things which are part of the installation are of the respective quality required by or pursuant to these Regulations.
 - (c) No supply authority shall connect or permit to be connected to its supply mains 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 forming part of the said installation, and 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.
 - (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause (c) 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 complied with, if 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, but such permission shall expire without notice in thirty days after it is given, unless