

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1989

**National Standard Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in
the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)] and Guidance Note
[NOHSC:3008(1995)].**

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 87(1) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989* provides that the Minister can approve codes of practice for the purpose of providing practical guidance to employers, self-employed persons and employees.

This Instrument is written pursuant to Section 87 of the Act.

The instrument repeals the ACT Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Workplace Environment (2nd Edition) which commenced on 15 August 1992 with the later document Exposure Standards for Atmospheric Contaminants in the Occupational Environment [NOHSC:1003(1995)] and Guidance Note [NOHSC:3008(1995)].

The decision to adopt this standard was taken after the Minister had received advice from the ACT Occupational Health and Safety Council in accordance with Section 87(2) of the ACT *Occupational Health and Safety Act 1989*.

The changes introduced are relatively minor. New and revised standards that have been approved by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission and previously notified in the *Chemicals Gazette* have been consolidated into this document

The earlier standard for atmospheric contaminants was adopted with a modification to the standard for chrysotile (a form of asbestos) to lower the limit to 0.1 fibres per millilitre of air and this modification is kept in the new standard

The National Standard sets out the airborne concentrations of individual chemical substances which, according to current knowledge, should neither impair the health of, nor cause undue discomfort to, nearly all workers

Dated this 5th day of November 1996



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