

Australian Capital Territory

# **Dangerous Substances (Storage and Handling Code of Practice) Approval 2006**

**Disallowable Instrument DI2006–258**

made under the

**Dangerous Substances Act 2004 – section 219 – Codes of Practice**

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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Section 219 of the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004* provides that the Minister may approve a code of practice for providing practical guidance for the Act. An approval under section 219 is a disallowable instrument.

Under section 38 of the recently repealed *National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act 1985*, the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC) could declare national standards and codes of practice. In 2001, NOHSC declared the *National Standard for the Storage and Handling of Workplace Dangerous Goods* (Storage and Handling National Standard) which sets out requirements to ensure the effective control of the storage and handling of dangerous goods, and the *National Code of Practice for the Storage and Handling of Workplace Dangerous Goods* (Storage and Handling Code of Practice) which provides practical advice on compliance for those who have duties under the National Standard.

The Storage and Handling National Standard has been implemented in the ACT through the Dangerous Substances (General) Regulation 2004. The Storage and Handling Code of Practice has not been previously approved as a code of practice in the ACT. As the Code of Practice deals with dangerous substances, it is appropriately adopted under the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004*.

The approval under section 219 is a disallowable instrument.

The instrument takes effect on the day after it is notified on the ACT Legislation Register.