

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

INSPECTION OF MACHINERY REGULATIONS

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 21 of 1975

The amendments to the Inspection of Machinery Regulations made under the Machinery Ordinance 1949-1966 relate basically to the protection of those people who work in noisy environments.

The main features of the new legislation are that the occupiers of premises are required to provide standard ear protection devices to employees working on the premises when machinery there causes or emits noise in excess of 85 decibels. Employees are required to use the ear protection devices unless medical or physical reasons preclude their use.