



ACT Government

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1989

ACT Manual Handling Code of Practice

INSTRUMENT NO. 9 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Subsection 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 revokes the formerly approved Code of Practice and approves a revised ACT Manual Handling Code of Practice as a code of practice under subsection 87(1) of the Act. The revision incorporates references to the *Occupational Health and Safety (Manual Handling) Regulations (No. 32 of 1997)*.

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

The information in this Code of Practice is intended primarily for those directly involved in manual handling tasks. The purpose of this Code of Practice is to provide practical guidance to employers, self-employed persons and employees on the identification of hazards, assessment of risks and control measures that can be employed to remove or minimise risks arising from manual handling tasks.

Dated this eighth day of January 1999
BRENDAN MICHAEL SMYTH
MINISTER FOR URBAN SERVICES