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Health and safety alerts

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Safe Work Australia

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Safe Work Australia and the Safe Work Australia Council have been established as a replacement to the Australian Safety and Compensation Council (ASCC).

The fifteen member council was formed on Tuesday 31 March and comprises of an independent Chair, representatives from each State, Territory and the Australian Government. The council also includes two members who represent the interests of workers, two members who represent employers and a chief executive. Mr Tom Phillips was appointed Chair of the council on Wednesday 27 May 2009. Ms Laurene Hull, Executive Director of NT WorkSafe represents the Northern Territory on the council.

Safe Work Australia has been established as an executive agency to support the council and is an independent body. Further information on Safe Work Australia and the key functions of the council can be found on the Safe Work Australia [website](#).

National Standards and Codes of Practice

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A function of Safe Work Australia and previously the Australian Safety and Compensation Council is to develop national standards and codes of practice relating to occupational health and safety.

The standards and codes of practice are produced as a model for laws in the States and Territories, with the aim of achieving nationally consistent regulations. These standards and codes of practice are not legally enforceable until the States or Territories formally adopt them as regulations or as a code of practice under the main occupational health and safety regulation.

National Standards and Codes of Practice

The Australian Code for the Transport of Explosives by Road and Rail, 3rd Edition (AEC3) was endorsed by the Workplace Relations Ministers Council on 3 April 2009.

The AEC 3 has been updated by the Australian Forum of Explosives Regulators (AFER), to provide standardised requirements, including safety and security measures, for the land transport of explosives by road and rail in Australia.

The revision has updated the listing of explosives, together with the technical and operational requirements, including the provision of packing instructions, applicable for transporting explosives by road and rail.

The updated AEC 3 closely aligns with the United Nations Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS); afforded by the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations (UN 15), as well as the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

The Northern Territory Government is currently considering the adoption of this code.

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Australian Dangerous Goods Code 7th Edition (ADG7)

The Australian Dangerous Goods Code has been updated to its 7th edition with State and Territory ministers endorsing the code in late 2008. The revision was made to align the code with the new 15th Revised Edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN15). Model legislation developed as part of the code is currently being adopted by the Northern Territory Government with implementation of the new legislation expected in late 2009.

The adoption of the code will mean Northern Territory legislation on the transport of dangerous goods will align with national and international standards. This will make licensing simpler and more transparent, and will further standardise packaging and placarding of dangerous goods to improve safety, particularly for intermodal transport.

Further information will be provided in future Industry Updates. A copy of [ADG7](#) can be downloaded free of charge from the National Transport Commission [website](#).

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Safety on the Waterfront

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is being negotiated between the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) and NT WorkSafe. The MOU will clearly identify the respective areas of responsibility for each regulator in relation to waterfront safety and provide greater certainty on jurisdictional issues. The MOU will allow a more seamless interaction with industry on safety matters.

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National Mine Safety Framework

NT WorkSafe is taking part in a national tripartite group which is working on the development of a nationally consistent occupational health and safety (OHS) regime for the mining industry. The group has developed a framework that consists of seven strategies reflecting different aspects of the OHS issue. The Council of Australian Governments has approved the implementation report for the framework and work is progressing on the following seven strategies.

- consistent legislation
- industry competencies
- compliance support
- enforcement protocols
- data collection and analysis
- consultation mechanisms
- research

Further information can be found at the Australian Government, Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism [website](#).

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Approved Health and Safety Representative (HSR) Training Providers

The following two Registered Training Organisations are now approved to provide HSR training to elected HSR's in the Northern Territory.

- Chamber of Commerce NT
- Electro Jobs Training P/L

HSR's are able to be included on the NT WorkSafe email list in order to receive updates on legislation and other information relevant to their role as a HSR and if they wish they can also join the HSR network to share their experiences.

For further information, please contact the HSR Advisor at NT WorkSafe on 1800 019 115 or ntworksafe@nt.gov.au

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Statistical data

A range of statistical data has been collated by Safe Work Australia and NT WorkSafe in order to identify poor performing industries and high risk activities to assist in developing targeted industry programs.

Data is also collected and reviewed by NT WorkSafe to improve programs that facilitate Territory workers being covered by equitable and practical workers compensation scheme allowing them to return to suitable work as soon as possible.

To access the data, follow the [Statistics](#) link on the NT WorkSafe website.

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