



Product Safety Standards (Multipurpose Ladders) Regulations 2023

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 13th day of March 2023

Present:

Her Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council

These regulations are made under section 29 of the Fair Trading Act 1986—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs made in accordance with section 29(3) of that Act.

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Schedule 1

Transitional, savings, and related provisions

Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Product Safety Standards (Multipurpose Ladders) Regulations 2023.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 13 April 2023.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

articulation joint means a hinge that is capable of being locked in 1 or more positions

AS 1892.1:2018 means Australian Standard AS 1892.1:2018 Portable ladders, Part 1: Performance and geometric requirements

multipurpose ladder means a portable ladder that has 1 or more pairs of articulation joints that allow the ladder to be rearranged to function as all or any of the following:

- (a) a single ladder (with or without a stand-off):
- (b) a single-sided stepladder:
- (c) a double-sided stepladder:
- (d) a scaffold:
- (e) a work platform.

4 Product safety standard for multipurpose ladders

- (1) AS 1892.1:2018 (with the variation set out in subclauses (2) and (3)) is a safety standard for multipurpose ladders.
- (2) Replace clause 2.8.1(a) of AS 1892.1:2018 with:
 - (a) The name of the New Zealand manufacturer or importer (whether the ladder has been made for sale or otherwise).
- (3) In clause 2.8.1(c) of AS 1892.1:2018, replace “AS/NZS 1892.1” with “AS 1892.1:2018” in each place.

5 Ladders to which these regulations do not apply

These regulations do not apply to second-hand ladders.

6 Transitional, savings, and related provisions

The transitional, savings, and related provisions set out in Schedule 1 have effect according to their terms.

Schedule 1

Transitional, savings, and related provisions

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Part 1

Provision relating to these regulations as made

1 Transitional provision until 1 September 2023

These regulations do not apply before 1 September 2023 to a ladder that complies with AS/NZS 1892.1:1996, Portable ladders, Part 1: Metal, as modified by Schedule 1 of the Unsafe Goods (Multipurpose Ladders) Notice 2021.

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

The Fair Trading Act 1986 allows product safety standards to be prescribed in respect of classes of goods. When there is a product safety standard in respect of goods, a person must not supply, offer to supply, or advertise to supply the goods unless the standard is complied with.

These regulations, which come into force on 13 April 2023, adopt Australian Standard AS 1892.1:2018 Portable ladders, Part 1: Performance and geometric requirements as a product safety standard for multipurpose ladders. The regulations replace the Unsafe Goods (Multipurpose Ladders) Notice 2021, which expires on 5 April 2023.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment.