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**THE ELECTRICAL WIRING REGULATIONS 1961,  
AMENDMENT NO. 6**

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ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General  
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 8th day of April 1968

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Public Works Act 1928, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

**1. Title**—These regulations may be cited as the Electrical Wiring Regulations 1961, Amendment No. 6, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electrical Wiring Regulations 1961\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

**2. Interpretation**—Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking the definition of the term “New Zealand standard specification”, and substituting the following definition:

“‘New Zealand standard specification’ or ‘N.Z.S.S.’ means a specification declared by the Standards Council to be a standard specification pursuant to section 23 of the Standards Act 1965:”.

**3. Compliance with standard specifications**—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 18, and substituting the following regulation:

“18. (1) Electrical apparatus or material used in or associated with an electrical installation coming within the scope of these regulations shall comply with the electrical safety requirements of the appropriate New Zealand standard specification listed in the Standards Association of New Zealand publication entitled ‘Index of Standards Association of New Zealand Publications 1967’.

\*S.R. 1961/8

Amendment No. 1: 1961/130

Amendment No. 2: 1965/43

Amendment No. 3: 1965/114

Amendment No. 4: 1965/180

Amendment No. 5: 1967/99

“(2) In the absence of a particular New Zealand standard specification for the purposes of subclause (1) hereof, such electrical apparatus or material shall, where applicable, comply with the appropriate electrical safety requirements of New Zealand Standard Specification 1300:1965, which relates to the general requirements for electrical appliances and accessories.

“(3) Nothing in subclause (1) or subclause (2) of this regulation shall prohibit the use of any electrical apparatus or material conforming to the electrical safety requirements of any other specification that has been declared by the General Manager to be suitable for the purposes of these regulations. The General Manager may rescind any such declaration.

“(4) If any New Zealand standard specification or other specification to which this regulation applies or refers is amended or replaced, the provisions of the specification existing before such amendment or replacement shall, for the purposes of this regulation, continue to be operative for a period of one year after the date on which the amendment or replacement took effect or for such longer period as the General Manager directs. On the expiration of the period of one year or the longer period directed by the General Manager, as the case may be, the amended or replacement specification shall become operative for the purposes of this regulation.”

P. J. BROOKS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation 2 substitutes a new definition of the term “New Zealand standard specification” to conform to the new definition of standard specification in the Standards Act 1965.

Regulation 3 substitutes a new regulation for regulation 18 of the principal regulations, relating to compliance with standard specifications. It is made clear that compliance with standard specifications means compliance with the electrical safety requirements of specifications. In addition, the regulation now provides that if a standard specification is amended or replaced, the original specification will continue to be operative for the purposes of the regulation for one year or such further period as may be directed by the General Manager of the New Zealand Electricity Department. After that the amended or replacement specification will become operative.

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These regulations are administered in the New Zealand Electricity Department.