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Submitted to Review of the mandatory safety standards for portable fire extinguishers
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Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

2 What is your email address?

Email:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

[REDACTED]

Key questions

4 What is your preferred option and why?

Please provide your comments:

[REDACTED] undertake audits at portable fire extinguisher manufacturing facilities.

I also 'undertake' and 'witness extinguisher performance' testing of products to AS/NZS 1841 series standards.

As a private business I also undertake 'firefighting' duties for extinguishers to the Classification and performance testing of extinguishers to AS1850.

[REDACTED]

My preference is change the consumer product safety standard references from the AS/NZS 1841:1997 edition to the current (albeit being considered for revision) to the AS/NZS1841 :2007 edition.

5 Do you agree with our assessment of the international standards?

Please provide your comments:

Yes

6 Would option 2 change your compliance costs for non-aerosol extinguishers?

Please provide your comments:

No, the AS/NZS 1841 series testing is already being undertaken to the 2007 edition

7 Is there any reason the mandatory standard for non-aerosol extinguishers should not reference the latest voluntary Australian standard AS/NZS 1841:2007?

Please provide your comments:

No, as stated above we are already working to the 2007 edition.

8 Is there any reason the mandatory standard should not be adjusted so that it only applies to the supply of new non-aerosol fire extinguishers and to avoid the current regulatory overlap for routine servicing?

Please provide your comments:

Currently manufacture is to AS/NZS 1841 series 2007 editions.

Currently 6 monthly ,yearly and 5 yearly servicing to AS1851 cannot guarantee serviced extinguishers meet the original AS/NZS184 compliance .

For example the original classification and rating to AS1850 cannot be confirmed after service.

9 Are there any other options the ACCC should consider?

Please provide your comments:

We need to ensure all interested parties e.g users and other authorities are on the same page .

basically after service an extinguisher needs to operate and perform as originally certified and that the classification and rating are still valid.

10 Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

Please provide your comments:

Do not rush into any change need a lot of consultation with interested parties.