

## 'Aerosol2017' Event Launched



It's 'all systems go' for the next major regional aerosol event, 'aerosol2017', which will be held in Sydney from 21 - 23 March 2017

Over the next four-six weeks we will be releasing more details of what's in store but we have listened to member feedback and made some major changes.

Spread over several days, the event will comprise an Industry Forum, an Expo/Showcase and a Gala Industry Dinner, all in world-class venues featuring Harbour-side locations, including the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay for the Forum and Expo/showcase and 'Opera Point Marquee' (pictured) on the harbour side of Sydney Opera House for the Gala Industry Dinner.



Supporting events, including training workshops and a meeting of the Asian Aerosol Federation are also planned and will help cement the event's status as a major regional event for the aerosol industry.

A major innovation for 2017 is the Expo/Showcase, which offers companies the opportunity to display their products and capabilities. Already a number of local and international companies have booked stands at this event. Members who wish to participate in the Expo should contact the Association office.

Keep an eye on [www.aerosol2017.com](http://www.aerosol2017.com) for details over coming weeks! ☒



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# LQ Reform Stymied

Suggestions in a recent discussion paper from the National Transport Commission that small loads of household and personal care Limited Quantities goods could be transported as 'general freight' appear to have been 'scuttled' by opposition from the States and emergency responders.

The mooted changes were the major component of moves – supported by the

Transport and Infrastructure Council - to respond to a reform document published in June 2015 and would have gone a long way to cutting unnecessary red tape which is presenting a major roadblock to realising the full potential of e-commerce from an aerosol viewpoint.

The Association will continue to advocate for safe, evidence-based reforms to Australia's LQ regime.



# REMINDER: GHS Deadline Looms!

A reminder to all members that new workplace labelling requirements which will introduce the GHS into Australia come into force on 1 January 2017.

This will impact on 'workplace hazardous chemicals' that you manufacture and also on inputs used in your manufacturing process or that you supply to other companies.

Links to the Model Code of Practice for Labelling of Workplace Hazardous Chemicals are detailed in the 'Regulatory' section of the Association website at <http://aerosol.com.au/regulatory/useful-web-resources/>.

As those who have attended Association training events, including our Regulatory and Labelling Workshops, over the past years will attest, there are a number

of 'grey' areas in the new GHS regime (including over what constitutes a 'workplace' product) so members are welcome to contact the Association office for advice.

Safework NSW has also recently produced a short information video on the GHS, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8CpfzFZkR8>.



# Victoria to Allow Later GHS Editions



Whilst the current national model regime for GHS in Australia is based on the 3rd edition of the GHS text, Victorian authorities are proposing to allow use of the 3rd, 5th or 6th editions of the text for their new GHS regime, currently timed to be introduced before the State's current OHS legislation sunsets in June 2017.

The move will be a positive one, which should hopefully force the hand of the Commonwealth and other States to update their Model and legislation to later versions of the GHS text.

Later editions of the GHS text remove any ambiguity over whether aerosols should also be classified as 'gases under pressure' and hence carry the distinctive 'cricket bat' pictogram (pictured).

For more on the Victorian proposals, see <http://consultation.worksafe.vic.gov.au/OHS-Regulations-Reform>.

The draft OHS Regulations can be downloaded from <http://consultation.worksafe.vic.gov.au/OHS-Regulations-Reform/documents/38709/download>.

# Minister Refuses to Reveal Cost of APVMA Move to Armidale

Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce has refused to obey a Senate order that he produce a cost-benefit analysis on the proposed shift of the APVMA from Canberra to his electorate of Armidale, a move which it is feared will lead to major dislocation and disruption to the agency's work

Accordingly, the analysis, produced by consultants Ernst and Young at a cost to taxpayers of \$270,000, will remain under wraps.

Whilst arguing that production of the report was not possible as the Government was still 'considering' it, media reports suggest that a contract has already been let to an Armidale property agent to find office accommodation in the town for the APVMA's 200-odd staff.

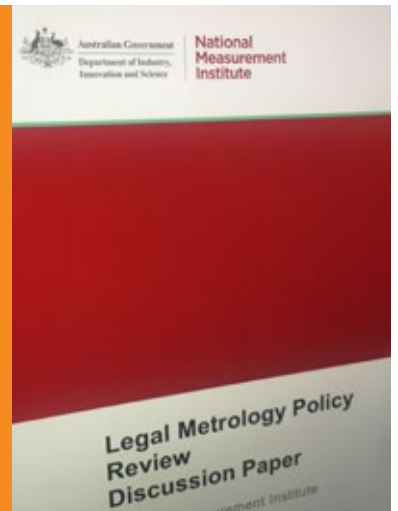


## Weights & Measures – Markings Reform Put on Hold

The Association is disappointed to note that the review of Part 4 of the National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009 by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science ([www.industry.gov.au/packagingreview](http://www.industry.gov.au/packagingreview)) has been put on hold whilst the Department undertakes a broader review of policy objectives for legal metrology in Australia.

The Association had made representations to the Part 4 review calling for greater flexibility in measurement markings on aerosols.

More details about the broader review at <https://consult.industry.gov.au/national-measurement-institute/lmreview>.



## Government Announces Details of HFC Phasedown

As international pressure to phase down production and use of Synthetic Greenhouse Gases like the HFCs mounts, Australia has announced that a statutory phase-down of HFC imports will be implemented, commencing January 2018 and will reduce HFC emissions by 85 per cent by 2036.

The phase-down is more ambitious than the proposals for a global phase-down

being negotiated under the Montreal Protocol. It has a lower baseline, reflecting Australia's current demand, and has more frequent reduction steps.

See <https://www.environment.gov.au/protection/ozone/publications/ozone-review-govt-statement>



# New Zealand: HSNO Reforms Finally Revealed

First proposed in December 2014, New Zealand's EPA has now released detailed proposals for the next stage of its shift to a new regime based on EPA Notices, comprising draft Notices for packaging, Safety Data Sheets and labelling.

The EPA is aiming to resolve the detail of the Notices by the end of 2016 so they can start to come into force from mid-2017, the date when the new Health and Safety at Work ('HSW') Act administered by WorkSafe comes into force.

Whilst the reforms will remove much of the flexibility in the current HSNO regime and represent a deliberate return to a more prescriptive approach, many of the more controversial proposals floated in the December 2014 consultation have been 'softened' considerably.

Perhaps most controversial, however, is the news that the EPA is proposing to not bring its classification system in line with the GHS at this point in time and so the current classification system, introduced in 2001, will be retained.

Accordingly, whilst the labelling and SDS requirements are essentially GHS based, a 'flammable aerosol' will remain to be classified as "An aerosol comprising 45% or more by mass of flammable ingredients."

Amongst the points of interest in the draft Notices is the proposed requirement for 'hazardous' aerosols to carry additional label warnings:

- (a) "Keep out of reach of children"; and
- (b) "Beware: Deliberately sniffing or inhaling concentrated contents can be harmful or fatal".

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(Minor variations to the statement in subclause (b) are permitted.)

The draft Notices also propose to maintain the current alternative compliance provision for workplace and consumer

products so that substances that are labelled in accordance with the labelling requirements of Australia, the EU, USA or Canada will be considered compliant in New Zealand.

Despite the alternative compliance provision, all workplace and consumer products designed for biocidal action (e.g. home-use pesticides) will also require labelling for any Eco toxicity hazards (aquatic and terrestrial). This maintains the status quo from the current HSNO regulations and group standards but restricts the application of label requirements for Eco toxicity to products 'designed for biocidal action' only.

The alternative compliance provision also does not remove the requirement for local contact details on all hazardous substances, something that is in the current legislation (though seemingly not enforced).

The draft labelling Notice proposes a toughening up of the current requirement for "enough information to enable the NZ importer, supplier or manufacturer to be contacted, either in person or by telephone" and will require labels to carry the business name and address and telephone number.

For more information, contact the Association office.



## Aerosol Recyclability Message on the Streets of Sydney

Spotted on the streets of Sydney: bus shelters and garbage trucks are the latest tools in efforts to educate householders about the recyclability of aerosols – see below.



## Strong Interest in Recalls Workshop

Over 30 delegates attended the Association's inaugural Workshop on Aerosol Recalls at Sydney's Pier One hotel at the end of September.

The audience heard presentations from member companies MotorActive and DuluxGroup sharing their experiences with managing recent recalls. Other sessions featured speakers from the ACCC and GSI, as well as from the insurance and waste management sectors on the practical aspects of planning and managing a recall.

For future Association training events keep an eye on <http://aerosol.com.au/events/training-courses/>.



## 'Bug Bomb' Incident Prompts Website Changes

Recent accidents involving total release cockroach sprays (known colloquially as 'bug bombs') have prompted the Association to 'beef up' the safety message on its website about how to use such products safely.

See <http://aerosol.com.au/about-aerosols/safety-at-home/>

Members are encouraged to link to the Association website from their company sites.

## AAF to Meet in Sydney in 2017

The Asian Aerosol Federation ('AAF') will hold its 2017 Annual Meeting in Sydney in March 2017 as part of the 'aerosol2017' event.

As with our hosting of the 2014 meeting, members will be invited – subject to room capacity constraints – to observe the meeting.



## OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### FEA Statistics Report Available

2015 aerosol filling statistics for Europe are now available from the FEA website free of charge – see



### FEA Launches Events Website

The European Aerosol Federation ('FEA') has launched a dedicated website for FEA events: [www.feaglobalevents.org](http://www.feaglobalevents.org), which will be used for the next FEA Aerosol Congress in Düsseldorf, Germany in October 2018.

The news follows the last minute cancellation of the 2017 Aerosol Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, the last of the Congresses organised by a national association.

In future all FEA Congresses will be organised by the FEA office in Brussels and will only be two days in duration. The 2020 event is scheduled to be held in Lisbon, Portugal.