

## Information sheet

# Building Wiring Cable and the requirements for sale in NSW

This information sheet explains NSW Fair Trading's position with regards to required electrical safety approval marking for Building Wiring Cable.

On 7 March 2017, Building Wiring Cable became a declared electrical article in NSW with a specific a definition of what constitutes Building Wiring Cable.

To allow industry sufficient time to comply with the new requirements, NSW Fair Trading determined the date of application as 29 January 2018. This date was set after significant consultation with key stakeholders across the electrical wiring sector.

Immediately after the commencement of the new requirement NSW Fair Trading was advised by many key stakeholders that, for a variety of reasons, a significant amount of approved Building Wiring Cable did not have the required electrical safety approval marking on the articles.

NSW Fair Trading considers that the new labelling requirement it is an important reform to ensure that only approved Building Wiring Cable is used in the NSW building and construction sector. However, given the practical issues that many industry stakeholders face in being able to meet the commencement date, NSW Fair Trading considers that it is reasonable to provide a five month extension as a transitional measure.

An Exemption Order has been made which permits persons to sell declared Building Wiring Cable without electrical safety approval marking as long as the cable is otherwise compliant to all other requirements. The exemption order will expire on **1 July 2018**.

During the exemption period, suppliers of Building Wiring Cable which is approved but not labelled on the product itself are strongly encouraged to identify the relevant compliance number in other locations surrounding the point of sale – for example, using labels adhered to the cable barrels or next to pricing information.

From 1 July 2018 all declared Building Wiring Cable sold in NSW must fully comply with all the requirements of the Electricity (Consumer Safety) Act 2004 at the time of sale, including the placement of the electrical safety approval marking on the article

It is the responsibility of all persons selling declared Building Wiring Cable to ensure that the requirements of the Act are adhered to. Significant penalties may apply to those that sell declared electrical Building Wiring Cable that is not approved, marked or compliant to the necessary requirements.

For more information please contact the Electrical and Gas Unit at [electricalsafety@finance.nsw.gov.au](mailto:electricalsafety@finance.nsw.gov.au) or visit the NSW Fair Trading website