



**Gas Appliance
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National Measurement Institute Response

GAMAA has received a response from the National Measurement Institute (NMI) in regards to pressure markings on gas components, specifically if the National Measurement Act 1960 (the ACT) applied where units of measurement other than Australian Legal Units of Measurement (ALUMs) were used. The NMI recommends and supports the use of ALUMs where ever possible.

Specifically the relevant sections of the Act are as follows:

Section 10 of the Act requires that were a measurement of a physical quantity is made for any legal purpose it must be traceable to Australian primary standards of measurement and as such, must be made in terms of ALUMs.

Section 12 of the Act requires that where measurements of physical quantities are made as part of trade contracts that those measurements are made in terms of ALUMs.

In both cases, the Act requires the use of ALUMs in the *measurement of physical quantities*. However the marking of a unit of measurement on a gas component does not necessarily involve the *measurement of a physical quantity*. As such, reasonable interpretation would be that the Act does not prevent the use of non-ALUMs in the marking of gas components. This conclusion arises from the fact that the use of a particular unit of measurement in the marking of a gas component is separate and distinct from the *measurement of a physical quantity* in terms of the unit of measurement.

GAMAA would like to thank Alex Winchester from NMI for his support on this matter.

We will provide more information as it comes to hand.

Standards Australia Update

During the industry forum hosted by Standards Australia in September GAMAA made the commitment to distribute the letter from the NMI in full to all stakeholders. This activity has occurred and it is now planned to bring all stakeholders together in early 2016 to further progress this matter with the reactivation of the applications to make the necessary changes to the relevant component standards.

GAMAA has been made aware this week that Jonathan Russell the National Sector Manager from Standards Australia has decided to seek other opportunities and will be leaving Standards Australia on 18 November.

We would like to wish Jonathan the best in his new endeavours.

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