

Energy Labelling and MEPS program Regulatory Ruling

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This ruling has been prepared on behalf of all regulators for energy labelling and MEPS for electrical appliances in Australia and New Zealand. This ruling represents an agreed interpretation of the relevant regulations. This interpretation shall be recognised in all Australian and New Zealand jurisdictions.

Product Type: Televisions
Relevant Standards AS/NZS 62087.2.2: 2010
Relevant Clause/s Various including Appendix B
Initial Date of Ruling:
Date of Standard Amendment TBA

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Accepted By	Department of Industry and Investment	Department of Justice & Attorney-General	Department for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure	Energy Safe Victoria	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority
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Subject:

Reference to AS/NZS 62087.1:2009 in AS/NZS 62087.2.2:2010

Background:

AS/NZS 62087.1 (the test standard) was initially published as AS/NZS 62087.1 (Int):2009. It was expected this AS/NZS 62087.1 (Int):2009 would be approved and published as a full standard before the end of 2009. AS/NZS 62087.1(Int):2009 was not approved as a full standard until January 2010 and published in February 2010 as AS/NZS 62087.1:2010.

AS/NZS 62087.2.2:2010 (the labelling standard) was initially published as AS/NZS 62087.2.2 (Int):2009 and was also expected to be approved and published as a full standard before the end of 2009. AS/NZS 62087.2.2(Int):2009 was not approved as a full standard until January 2010 and published in February 2010 as AS/NZS 62087.2.2:2010.

As the standards were not published as 2009 editions but as 2010 editions this created inconsistencies where the labelling standard AS/NZS 62087.2.2:2010 had references to AS/NZS 62087.1:2009 when it should be AS/NZS 62087.1:2010.

Discussions with stakeholders has also highlighted the energy label depicted in AS/NZS 62087.1:2010 is not consistent with the templates for the energy labels of other energy labelled products called up in regulation as it cites the part 1 standard and includes the year of publication. The other labels cite the part 2 standard and do not include the year of publication. The television labelling should be in alignment with the other products.

Additionally, regulators agree there should be an allowance within the standard to not penalise any manufacturer who has already committed to labels with the standard as cited in the originally published standard (or for manufacturers who have cited the correct title of the part 1 standard on their labels) but every effort should be made to quickly move to using "AS/NZS 62087.2.2" on the energy labels.

Ruling:

Any reference of AS/NZS 62087.1:2009 in the standard AS/NZS 62087.2.2:2010 shall be replaced by AS/NZS 62087.1:2010.

The energy label wording requirements as depicted in Appendix B of AS/NZS 62087.2.2:2010 is to have reference to “AS/NZS 62087.1:2009” replaced with “AS/NZS 62087.2.2”

Additionally a transitional period until 1 January 2012 will be allowed for manufactures of televisions who have already produced labels with “AS/NZS 62087.1:2009” (as that is the standard originally cited for the label) and “AS/NZS 62087.1:2010” (as that is the correct title of the published part 1 standard).

Note this ruling does not apply to the alternate wording allowed in Appendix B for televisions recorded as participants, as at 1 August 2009, in the voluntary labelling scheme.

After 1 January 2012 the labelling requirements will only allow “AS/NZS 62087.2.2”.

Note: It is expected Industry will assist by ensuring all existing labels on displayed televisions will also comply by this date.

Proposed revisions to the Standard:

1/ Any reference of AS/NZS 62087.1:2009 in the standard AS/NZS 62087.2.2:2010 shall be replaced by AS/NZS 62087.1:2010.

2/ Amendment to Figures B1 - B4, in Appendix B, Label Specification for Television Sets, to say:

“Based on 10 hrs daily use in recommended home viewing mode and tested in accordance with AS/NZS 62087.2.2”.

3/ Add transitional wording after second paragraph of Appendix B1:

Alternate use of “AS/NZS 62087.1:2009” or “AS/NZS 62087.1:2010” is permitted on the energy label in lieu of “AS/NZS 62087.2.2”*.

* This sentence allowing alternate wording ceases to be part of the standard on 1 January 2012, after which time only “AS/NZS 62087.2.2” is allowed.