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COMMITTEE EL-015 - Quality and Performance of Household Electrical Appliances
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REGISTRANTS OF A CURRENT CLOTHES WASHER ENERGY LABEL

APPROVED SOILED SWATCH BATCH INFORMATION SWATCH BATCH NORMALISATION PROCEDURE

This Notice is written on behalf of the regulatory authorities administering the Australian and New Zealand electrical appliance energy efficiency labelling schemes. Please be advised that when stock of AS-9-380 and 381 is exhausted, the subsequent batch to be used for all testing for registrations is:

AS-9-382, AS-9-383, AS-9-384

This batch is available from the Centre for Test materials (CFT), Netherlands. www.cftbv.nl

The tristimulus values for the above batch, measured on 10 layers, together with swatch normalisation information, are given in the "Swatch normalisation calculator" available on the Energyrating website, <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/> under the heading Australian Standards, Supplementary Standards Data.

CFT has reserved these batches for the exclusive use of laboratories testing machines for the Australian/New Zealand markets. Naturally, laboratories can also purchase other AS-9 batches for research and development testing etc, and are encouraged to do so to help preserve this limited resource.

It should be noted that AS/NZS 2040.1 requires that soil removal results for the swatch batch used for

testing be normalised with respect to a reference batch. Prior to 1 March 2003, regulatory authorities allowed results to be submitted without normalisation because calibration procedures were not available. CALIBRATION PROCEDURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND REGULATORS NOW REQUIRE NORMALISATION OF SOIL REMOVAL RESULTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS/NZS 2040.1, FOR ALL APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION FOR ENERGY LABELLING HOUSEHOLD CLOTHES WASHING MACHINES.

Any queries regarding specifics of the energy efficiency labelling scheme should be directed to the applicable regulatory authority, contact details are available on the <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/> website.

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