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COMPETITION AND CONSUMER (CORDED INTERNAL WINDOW COVERINGS)
SAFETY STANDARD 2014

Competition and Consumer Act 2010

I, Bruce Billson, Minister for Small Business, make the following safety standard under subsection 104 (1) of the Australian Consumer Law, set out in Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

(Dated) 20 March 2014

(Signature) Bruce Billson

1. Name of safety standard

This safety standard is the *Competition and Consumer (Corded Internal Window Coverings) Safety Standard 2014*.

2. Commencement

This safety standard commences on 1 January 2015.

3. Purpose

This safety standard sets out mandatory installation requirements for corded internal window coverings.

4. Application

This safety standard applies to the installation of corded internal window coverings in domestic dwellings other than—

- (a) caravans; and
- (b) mobile homes; and
- (c) boats.

5. Definitions

In this safety standard—

cleat means a device that has a bar with arms around which a cord can be wound, and that can be attached to a wall or other structure.

cord means a rope, strap, string, chain, line or wire used to manipulate a corded internal window covering.

corded internal window covering means—

- (a) a window covering, such as a curtain or blind; or
- (b) fittings used with a window covering, such as a traverse rod or track;

that can be used inside a building and has a cord.

cord guide means a device designed to retract, tension or secure a cord.

retail packaging means the packaging in which a corded internal window covering is supplied when it is offered for retail sale.

6. Installation of corded internal window coverings

(1) A corded internal window covering must be installed—

- (a) in such a way that a loose cord cannot form a loop 220 mm or longer at less than 1,600 mm above floor level; and
- (b) using any components specified in the installation instructions as necessary to meet requirements for cord safety.