

# LEGISLATION UPDATE

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## INTRODUCTION OF NEW REGULATIONS THAT IMPACT ON THE MINING SECTOR

A number of Regulations affecting the mining industry have recently been remade.

From 1 September 1999 the Occupational Health and Safety (Committees in Workplaces) Regulation 1999 replaced the similar 1984 regulation. While the new regulation does not alter the substance of the provisions of the old regulation, a number of administrative matters have been tidied up including

- making correct reference to the WorkCover Authority of NSW,
- omitting reference to the now repealed Industrial Arbitration Act 1940, and
- referring to penalty units rather than a dollar amount in clause 14(2) of the new regulation (cl. 13(2) of the old regulation).

The Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation 1999 also commenced on 1 September 1999, replacing the Dangerous Goods Regulation 1978.

The new regulation covers:

- the classifications of dangerous goods and provisions relating to the handling, keeping, manufacture and use of dangerous goods,
- general safety provisions relating to the manufacture, importation, keeping, conveying and sales of explosives;
- the issuing of licences and permits, both for dangerous goods in general and for explosives in particular;
- the marketing, placarding and packing of dangerous goods; and
- record-keeping relating to the sale, carriage, delivery and importation of explosives.

It should also be noted that the operation of the Mines Inspection General Rule 1994 which was due to expire on 1 September 1999 has been extended until 1 September 2000. Work is currently progressing on the new Mines Inspection General Rule 2000.

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