



Electrical Equipment and Appliances Safety

Compliance and enforcement priority 2021/22

Why are electrical equipment and appliances a priority?	<p>Electrical equipment manufacturers and importers can supply products online that are not registered with the national Electrical Equipment Safety System (EESS), or do not comply with Australian standards, and so are potentially unsafe.</p>
Who has the compliance obligation?	<p>Australian manufacturers, importers, and retailers of electrical equipment.</p>
How does the risk or non-compliance occur?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical products are not designed and tested to the relevant Australian safety standard, or designed for different geographical markets that may not comply with Australian requirements. • Changes to the product design or manufacturing process of electrical equipment are not tested and may not meet relevant Australian safety standards or may have manufacturing or quality assurance issues.
What compliance action will ESV take?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditing electrical equipment being sold online and in store for compliance with EESS requirements. • Liaising with online platform providers and online marketplaces to stop the supply of unregistered electrical equipment. • Ensuring responsible suppliers register their electrical equipment in accordance with s67 of the Electricity Safety Act. • Educating responsible suppliers including through online platform operators on the requirements of the EESS legislation.
What enforcement action may ESV take?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue infringement notices and/or prosecute against repeat offenders. • Issue infringement notices or prosecute offenders where serious safety risks are identified, where there is reckless conduct or where otherwise considered appropriate having regard to the nature, severity and gravity of the offence. • Recall and/or prohibit the supply of unsafe equipment.
What are the targets or measures?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit 180 stores/suppliers/retailers annually. • Monitor the number of notices, prohibitions and recalls.
Who will ESV work with?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail associations. • The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). • Electrical Regulatory Authorities Council (ERAC) members. • Online platform providers.