

STOP PRESS

labelling of second hand electrical goods

The Victorian Government and the OCEI have initiated a campaign reminding the community of legislation covering the supply of second hand electrical equipment.

Under the Electricity Safety Act 1998:

- A person supplying or offering to supply second hand electrical equipment must have a label attached to the equipment stating that the equipment is second hand;
- A business – including major charitable organisations – supplying or offering to supply second hand electrical equipment must also attach a label stating that the equipment is second hand and that the equipment has been

inspected and tested and that it complies with Australian/New Zealand Standard(AS/NZS) 3760; OR

- If it has not been tested, the business supplying or offering to supply second hand electrical equipment must include a clear statement on the label, stating the equipment is second hand, with additional words as follows: DANGER – DO NOT USE OR CONNECT TO SUPPLY – THIS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MAY BE FAULTY AND SHOULD BE INSPECTED AND TESTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS/NZS 3760.

Examples of appropriate tags can be found under the item about secondhand electrical equipment

in "what's new" on the OCEI website at www.ocei.vic.gov.au. Reference should also be made to the OCEI's general advice on the use of secondhand electrical equipment. For further information about the legislation and/or the tags contact the OCEI on (03) 9203 9700 or by email to info@ocei.vic.gov.au

The OCEI advises people supplying or receiving secondhand electrical equipment to use the services of a competent person for inspection and testing. Competent persons to test second hand electrical equipment include licensed electricians, manufacturers agents and professional electrical repair people.

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