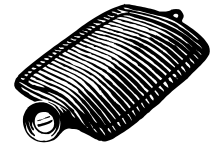


Australian Regulation for Hot Water Bottles

The **Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Hot Water Bottles) Regulations 2008** was published on March 5, 2008. It sets out the safety standard for hot water bottles. These safety requirements are applicable to hot water bottles manufactured in, or imported into Australia, on or after **1 June 2008**.



The full text can be downloaded through:

[http://www.frl.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrument1.nsf/0/3A97DDA10BCE19B5CA257403007F8ADD/\\$file/0716360A080221EV.pdf](http://www.frl.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrument1.nsf/0/3A97DDA10BCE19B5CA257403007F8ADD/$file/0716360A080221EV.pdf)

“**Hot water bottle**” is defined as a container,

- (a) made from PVC or rubber; and
- (b) designed to be:
 - (i) completely or partly filled with hot water; and
 - (ii) sealed with a stopper; and
 - (iii) used for the purpose of warming parts of the body or a bed; and
- (c) that includes:
 - (i) a ferrule; and
 - (ii) a filling aperture; and
 - (iii) a neck block; and
 - (iv) a stopper.

The Regulation contains the following mandatory requirements for the hot water bottles:

- **Capacity and thickness**
- **Filling characteristics**
- **Stoppers** (General requirement, and Test for separation of screw stopper)
- **Performance** (Leakage, Strength of seams, and Pressure test)
- **Informative labelling**
 - Shall be **permanently marked** and **prominently displayed** on the hot water bottle of “**Do not use boiling water**”.
 - Shall be accompanied by the warning messages of:
 - (a) “**WARNING - HOT WATER BOTTLES CAN CAUSE BURNS. AVOID PROLONGED DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE SKIN.**”
 - (b) one of the following information:
 - (i) for a hot water bottle that is designed to be partly filled - “**This hot water bottle is designed to be partly filled.**”; or
 - (ii) for a hot water bottle that is designed to be completely filled - “**This hot water bottle is designed to be completely filled.**”
 - (c) “**This hot water bottle is made of natural rubber**” if the hot water bottle is made of natural rubber.

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