EXPLANATORY STATEMENT - STATUTORY RULES 1984 No.231

STATUTORY RULES 1984 No Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Science and Technology

NATIONAL MEASUREMENT ACT 1960

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (NATIONAL STANDARDS) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (PATTERNS OF INSTRUMENTS) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Section 4 of the Weights and Measures (National Standards) Amendment Act 1984 amends the title of the Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act to the National Measurement Act 1960.

Section 20 of the National Measurement Act 1960 provides that the Governor General may make regulations prescribing all matters required or permitted by the Act to be prescribed or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect ot the Act.

The Weights and Measures (National Standards) Amendments Act 1984 received Royal Assent on 25 June 1984 and as a result the Weights and Measures (National Standards) Regulations and the Weights and Measures (Patterns of Instruments) Regulations will be amended.

The regulations will amend the terminology used in the Weights and Measures (National Standards) Regulations and the Weights and Measures (Patterns of Instruments) Regulations to accord with the terminology used in the National Measurement Act.

The amendments will change the title of the regulations to the National Measurement Regulations and the National Measurement (Patterns of Instruments) Regulations. References to Commonwealth legal units of measurement will be altered to 'Australian legal units of measurement'. There are also a number of mechanical amendments.

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