**Competition and Consumer (Corded Internal Window Coverings)**

**Safety Standard 2014**

*Competition and Consumer Act 2010*

I, Bruce Billson, Minister for Small Business, make the following safety standard under subsection 104 (1) of the Australian Consumer Law, set out in Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

(Dated) 20 March 2014

(Signature) Bruce Billson

**1. Name of safety standard**

This safety standard is the *Competition and Consumer (Corded Internal*

*Window Coverings) Safety Standard 2014*.

**2. Commencement**

This safety standard commences on 1 January 2015.

1. **Purpose**

This safety standard sets out mandatory installation requirements for corded

internal window coverings.

1. **Application**

This safety standard applies to the installation of corded internal window

coverings in domestic dwellings other than:

 (a) caravans; and

 (b) mobile homes; and

 (c) boats.

1. **Definitions**

In this safety standard:

*cleat* means a device that has a bar with arms around which a cord can be

wound, and that can be attached to a wall or other structure.

*cord* means a rope, strap, string, chain, line or wire used to manipulate a

corded internal window covering.

*corded internal window covering* means:

 (a) a window covering, such as a curtain or blind; or

 (b) fittings used with a window covering, such as a traverse rod or track;

that can be used inside a building and has a cord.

*cord guide* means a device designed to retract, tension or secure a cord.

*retail packaging* means the packaging in which a corded internal window

covering is supplied when it is offered for retail sale.

1. **Installation of corded internal window coverings**

 (1) A corded internal window covering must be installed:

 (a) in such a way that a loose cord cannot form a loop 220 mm or

 longer at less than 1,600 mm above floor level; and

 (b) using any components specified in the installation instructions as

 necessary to meet requirements for cord safety.

 (2) A corded internal window covering must also be installed in accordance

with:

 (a) the installation instructions on any retail packaging for the covering;

 and

 (b) other information provided in the installation instructions about how to

install the corded internal window covering for the purpose of ensuring

that a loose cord cannot form a loop as described in paragraph (1) (a).

 (3) No part of a cord guide may be installed lower than 1,600 mm above floor

level unless:

 (a) the cord guide will remain firmly attached to a wall or other structure

 specified in the installation instructions when subjected to a tension

 force of 70 N applied in any direction for 10 seconds; and

 (b) the cord is sufficiently secured or tensioned to prevent the formation of

 a loop 220 mm or longer.

 (4) A cleat used to secure a cord must be installed at least 1,600 mm above

floor level.

1. **Labelling requirements**
2. A person installing a corded internal window covering must:

 (a) attach a label to the corded window covering containing the name and

contact details of the person or company responsible for the

installation; and

 (b) ensure that any warning label or swing tag supplied with the corded

internal window covering remains attached to the cord.