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Amendment No. 1
to
AS/NZS 4261:1994
Reusable containers for the collection of sharp items
used in human and animal medical applications

REVISED TEXT

The 1994 edition of AS/NZS 4261 is amended as follows; the amendments should be inserted in the appropriate place.

SUMMARY: This Amendment applies to Clauses 1, 2, 4, 5.6, 7 and 9.

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Page 3 Clause 1

Add the following second and third paragraphs:

The Standard is not applicable to containers manufactured for non-reusable purposes and which are disposed of with their contents, i.e. used sharp items (see AS 4031).

This Standard is also not applicable to the collection of radioactive and cytotoxic wastes, including sharp items, in reusable containers.

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Page 3 Clause 2

Add the following:

AS 4031 Non-reusable containers for the collection of sharp medical items used in health care areas.

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Page 3 Clause 4, Note

Delete the existing Note and *substitute* the following:

NOTE: For non-metallic containers, heavy metals and halogenated materials should not be used.'

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Page 4 Clause 5.6

Add following new Clause 5.6:

5.6 Safety aspects Reusable containers shall not be used for the collection of radioactive and cytotoxic wastes.

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Page 4 Clause 7

Delete the text of the Clause and *substitute* the following:

The colour of the container shall be predominantly yellow.

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Page 5 Clause 9(b)

Delete the existing Clause 9 and substitute the following:

9 MARKING The container shall be clearly, legibly and durably marked with the following information:

- (a) Manufacturer's name or trade mark.
 - (b) Description of contents, e.g. 'sharps'.
 - (c) The words 'do not overfill' or words to that effect.
 - (d) Capacity indicator.
 - (e) Assembly instructions, where appropriate.
 - (f) Words indicating that after the container is filled to capacity, it is intended to be emptied and reused.
 - (g) Batch number, linked to records of manufacture.
 - (h) Storage conditions, where not subjected to regulatory requirements.
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