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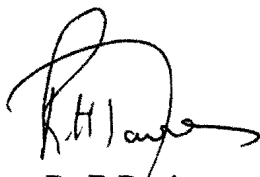
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NATIONAL REGULATOR FOR COMPULSORY SPECIFICATIONS ACT
(Act 5 of 2008)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR
APPLIANCE COUPLERS FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR PURPOSES
(VC 8012)

It is hereby made known under section 13(4) of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, (Act 5 of 2008), that the Minister of Trade and Industry, on the recommendation of the NRCS Board, intends to amend the compulsory specification for *Appliance Couplers for Household and Similar Purposes*, as set out in the attached Schedule.

Any person, who wishes to comment on the intention of the Minister to thus amend the Compulsory Specification concerned, shall submit their comments, in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer, National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications, Private Bag X25, Brooklyn, 0075, on or before the date two (2) months after the publication of this notice.



Dr R Davies
Minister of Trade and Industry

SCHEDULE

VC 8012

COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR APPLIANCE COUPLERS FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR GENERAL PURPOSES

1 SCOPE

This specification covers the safety requirements for *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes* intended for the connection of single or 3 – phase cords to electrical appliances or other light industrial equipment operating at a low voltage mains supply conforming to the standard applicable in the Republic of South Africa i.e. 230 V +- 10% single phase a.c., or 400 V +- 10% three phase a.c.

Note: In this compulsory specification the term "Appliance coupler" means *Appliance coupler for household and similar general purposes*.

2 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this compulsory specification, the following definitions apply:

- 2.1 Appliance coupler: The definition in Clause 3.1 of SANS 60320-1 shall apply.
- 2.2 Applicant: The manufacturer or importer, manufacturer or importer seeking approval of Appliance couplers. The applicant shall be an established legal entity within the Republic of South Africa.
- 2.3 Regulator: The body appointed by the Minister to administer Compulsory Specifications.
- 2.4 Proof of conformity: Documented evidence of conformity with the requirements of this compulsory specification.

2.5 **Conformity of production:** Proof that Appliance couplers offered for sale have been manufactured to the approved design and continue to comply with the requirements of this compulsory specification.

2.6 **Valid certificate of conformity:** Authentic copy of an original certificate of conformity.

2.7 **Valid test report:** Authentic copy of an original test report.

2.8 **Declaration report:** Authentic report, that is issued by an accredited conformity assessment body, indicating the equivalence of products and/or standards.

3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Appliance couplers shall comply with the safety requirements of SANS 60320-1 (IEC 60320-1) *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes Part1: General requirements*, together with the applicable safety requirements of the relevant Part 2, if any.

3.2 The applicant shall ensure that every type and model of appliance coupler has been approved by the Regulator before offering it for sale, in accordance with the requirements of Annexure A.

3.3 The applicant shall inform the Regulator of any change in design or components affecting any mandatory requirement in terms of this compulsory specification. In the event of such change/s the Regulator may, at its discretion, demand the submission of fresh evidence of conformity or a new application for approval.

3.4 The applicant shall on request provide the Regulator within 2 working days with satisfactory proof of approval in respect of any Appliance coupler included in the scope of this compulsory specification.

3.5 The applicant shall on request provide the Regulator within 5 working days with satisfactory proof of conformity of production.