

# Use of new standards

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## Allowance of use of AS1596:2008, AS2746:2008, AS2885.0:2008 and AS4645:2008 and requirement to use AS2885.0:2008

Four standards have been revised and republished and the purpose of this instruction is to allow compliance with those standards as a means of compliance with the old standard. The standards to be recognised are:

- AS 1596:2008 The storage and handling of LP gas, which was published 30 June 2008 replacing AS 1596:2002.
- AS 2746:2008 Working areas for gas-fuelled vehicles, which was published 21 October 2008 replacing AS 2746:1999.
- AS 4645:2008 Gas distribution networks— .1 Network management, .2 Steel pipe systems, .3 Plastic pipe systems, which was published 31 December 2008 and replaces AS 4645:2005 Gas distribution network management, AS 1697:2005 Installation and maintenance of steel pipe systems for gas and AS 3723:1989 Installation and maintenance of plastic pipes systems for gas.

Under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (P&G Act) a standard is a safety requirement and is called up under section 7 and schedule 1 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Regulation 2004. Until the amended standard is called up in schedule 1 the existing standard must be followed.

As many persons are wishing to use the new standard there is a need to allow their use prior to a planned amendment of the regulation. Therefore in accordance with s708A of the P&G Act I am allowing from 1 March 2009 compliance with the above standards as a means of compliance with the existing standards. This means that if the requirements of the new standard are followed a person will be deemed to have also complied with the old standard.

- In addition compliance with AS 2885.0:2008 Pipelines – gas and liquid petroleum general requirements, which was published 5 August 2008 is required from 1 April 2009 as a mandatory standard. This is a new overview part to the existing AS 2885 series. In accordance with s708A (8) of the P&G Act this instruction is to remain valid until schedule 1 is modified by replacing the old standard with the new standard, or 6 months after the date of this instruction.

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