

## **A new issue of the Australian Cot Standard has recently been released (AS/NZS 2172:2010).**

Please note:

The mandatory requirements of the Consumer Protection Notice (CPN No. 6 of 2005) have **not** been changed i.e. the minimum requirements applicable to a cot for it to be legally sold in Australia have not been affected by the release of AS/NZS 2172:2010. At some time in the future the ACCC may release a new CPN, but there has been no notification of any such plan as yet.

This given, there is no legal necessity for you to take any immediate action - unless you are supplying under a contract specifying compliance to the *current* Australian Standard. If this is the case you will need to update your certification to compliance to the new standard as soon as possible.

Some things will definitely change however - at least in terms of how we undertake testing. The new release of the standard will affect the way we perform all **new** testing to the full standard, and all **new** certification renewals to the full standard (by the 'full standard' we mean certification to AS/NZS 2172). Summarised, the effects will be as follows:

- All new testing to AS/NZS 2172 will be done to AS/NZS 2172:2010
- All renewals of products currently certified to AS/NZS 2172:2003 will be to AS/NZS 2172:2010.

Overall, the effect this new issue of the Australian Cot Standard will have on certificate holders, or potential holders, depends on various things. Considering some of these...

### **If your existing certificate covers the CPN only...**

You don't need to do anything

### **If your existing certificate covers both the CPN and AS/NZS 2172:2003...**

You don't need to do anything unless you are supplying under a contract that requires compliance to the current Australian Standard. If yes, you will need to update to the new release of the standard ASAP. Contact us for a quotation.

If you chose not to update your certification now, you will still need to consider what to do when your product is due for certification renewal. If, at renewal, you wish to maintain your certification to AS/NZS 2172, your cot will need to be re-assessed to the requirements of the latest release of the standard (2010). We'll outline further details in the documents we send to you at renewal time.

### **If you're a new customer or have a new cot ready for assessment...**

If you want to test to the requirements of the CPN - no change.

If you want to test to the requirements of AS/NZS 2172 then testing will now be done to the latest release of the standard (2010).

### **If you do want to upgrade to AS/NZS 2172:2010 now...**

If you do want to upgrade your certification to meet the requirements of AS/NZS 2172:2010 but are unaware of how the standard has changed or how these changes may affect the compliance of your cot, we recommend purchasing a copy of the standard (available online at <http://infostore.saiglobal.com>). There are many changes in the new standard and it is not possible to foretell what impact they may have on any particular product until that product has been assessed. That said, there are no 'revolutionary' changes and in our opinion most currently compliant products are likely to remain compliant under the new standard (although we cannot be definitive).

If you have any further questions please contact us via e-mail ([info@furntech.org.au](mailto:info@furntech.org.au)) or by telephone (03) 6326 6155.



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