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Occupational Health and Safety
(Manual Handling) Regulations 1988
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1982*, notice is given of the proposal to make the Occupational Health and Safety (Manual Handling) Regulations 1988.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared as required by the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1982*.

Manual Handling Injuries account for some 40% of claims received by the Accident Compensation Commission. The number and severity of manual handling injuries places a large cost in financial, social and human terms on industry, employees and the community. The objective of the proposed regulations is to reduce the number and severity of injuries resulting from manual handling tasks in the workplace.

The Regulatory Impact Statement concludes that the proposed regulation is an appropriate form to achieve the objective and ensure compliance with a multifactorial approach to the assessment and control of manual handling problems.

Comments and submissions are invited from interested parties.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement may be obtained by writing to—

Dr Ian Payne, Workplace Health and Safety Branch, Department of Labour, 5 Macarthur Place, East Melbourne, 3002—

or by phoning Dr Ian Payne on 850 8118 during business hours.

Written submissions should be sent to the above address no later than 21 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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