**Guidance on the Engineered Stone Prohibition and Regulation of Crystalline Silica Substances**

### Leading up to Engineered Stone Prohibition on 1 July 2024

- Amendments to model WHS Regulations for implementation by Commonwealth, states and territories prior to 1 July 2024
- Transitional arrangements in most jurisdictions are applicable between 1 July and 31 December 2024
- PCBUs can apply for exemptions once amendments to the model WHS Regulations have been enacted in each jurisdiction

### From 1 July 2024

- Engineered stone prohibition comes into force on 1 July 2024
- Permitted work with legacy engineered stone must be controlled
- PCBUs must notify regulator prior to undertaking permitted work with legacy engineered stone

### From 1 September 2024

- Regulation of Crystalline Silica Substances (CSS) comes into force on 1 September 2024
- Controlled processing for all CSS, including engineered stone
- Additional duties apply to high risk crystalline silica processes (HRCSP)

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**Published in early June 2024**

**Engineered Stone Prohibition Guidance - updated information for PCBUs to replace model Code**

- Introduction (how each chapter fits together)
- Chapter 2 – Prohibition
- Chapter 3 – Notification process
- Chapter 4 – Exemption process
- Chapter 5 – Controlled processing of engineered stone, porcelain products and sintered stone

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**Guidance on identifying and managing processing of CSS in the workplace**

- To cover all crystalline silica substances (CSS)
- Controlled processing
- Identify HRCSP

**Updated guide - Working with silica and silica containing products**

- HRCSP – Silica Risk Control Plan
- HRCSP – Training
- HRCSP – Air Monitoring
- HRCSP – Health Monitoring

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**National Exemption Framework**

Updates published early June 2024

- Updates to the existing National Exemption Framework published on Safe Work Australia’s website
- Guidance on exemption application process and common decision-making criteria for engineered stone exemption decisions added to framework package on Safe Work Australia’s website

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**Model Code of Practice: Managing the risks of respirable crystalline silica from engineered stone in the workplace**

To be revoked on 30 June 2024. New guidance material will be published in early June ahead of revocation to ensure no gaps in available information for PCBUs

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**Revised and republished on 1 September 2024**

- Chapter 5 updated to include regulation of CSS

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**Model Code of Practice on CSS**

Following implementation of the Prohibition and regulation of CSS, the Agency will commence work on combining guidance into a new model Code of Practice - in parallel with the 12 month review to capture lessons learned