

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)

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

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

Revised and republished on 1 September 2024

- Chapter 5 updated to include regulation of CSS

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**

Published in July 2024

Guidance on identifying and managing processing of CSS in the workplace

- To cover all crystalline silica substances (CSS)
- Controlled processing
- Identify HRCSP
- HRCSP - Silica Risk Control Plan
- HRCSP - Training
- HRCSP - Air Monitoring
- HRCSP - Health Monitoring

Updated guide - Working with silica and silica containing products

Review and update existing guide to ensure consistency with amendments to model WHS laws

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