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AGA and the Japan Gas Appliances Inspection Association (JIA) Cooperation

For the past 12 months, AGA hosted a representative engineer from JAI – Mr Yasunori Kato who worked in the AGA laboratory in Braeside Victoria. This initiative reinforces the strong long term relations AGA and JIA share which first began over 20 years ago when the Gas Appliance Certification Meeting (GACM) of the Western Pacific Region was first formed.

As a result of this initiative, both JIA and AGA have a more comprehensive understanding of the certification, testing and regulatory requirements in our respective countries and this initiative has proven to be a great success. We are now exploring further cooperative programmes with JIA in an effort to streamline product certification services for product manufacturers in both Japan and Australia. This will include functions like WaterMark and gas product audits.

Mr Kato's time at AGA has come to an end and he returns to JIA to a new role as Manager Certifications and International Affairs. This role is a very important position and it also means Mr Kato will stay in direct contact with AGA which will only strengthen our good relations.

AGA congratulates and wishes Mr Kato all the best in his new role at JIA and we sincerely thank him for his very professional code of conduct which has been praiseworthy and for his friendship over the past 12 months.



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GTRC Technical Guidance Bulletins

The Gas Technical Regulators Committee (GTRC) has published the following two Technical Guidance Bulletins on the 1st March 2018, which can be found at <http://www.gtrc.gov.au/publications/technical-guidance-bulletins/>.

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 12 (TGB-012)

Portable Space Heaters

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE BULLETIN 13 (TGB-013)

Leakage Portable Appliances with over pressure protection

The requirements of TGB-012 are effective immediately for new Applications with a transitional period of **12 months for existing Applications and Certifications prior to the 1st March 2018.**

The requirements of TGB-013 are effective immediately for new Applications with a transitional period of **3 months for existing Applications and Certifications prior to the 1st March 2018.**

As this may affect your current projects and Certifications, please contact your Client Manager for more information.



WaterMark Certification & Commercial Catering Equipment

AGA has received several enquiries regarding the status of commercial catering equipment in relation to the WaterMark Certification Scheme as defined under the Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme and published by The Australian Buildings Code Board (ABCB).

The WaterMark Certification Scheme is a mandatory certification scheme for certain plumbing and drainage products to ensure that plumbing and drainage products are fit for purpose and appropriately authorised for use in plumbing or drainage installations. The Plumbing Code of Australia calls up the WaterMark Certification Scheme and under State and Territory regulations, persons installing plumbing work must comply with the Plumbing Code of Australia.



The scheme defines a list of WaterMark Schedule of Excluded Products and WaterMark Schedule of Products, however many products are not defined in either list and, therefore, have not been considered. In such cases, the scheme defines the process for products to be assessed under the “Protocol for the Assessment of Risks of Plumbing Products” and this results in the decision for the products to be included or excluded under the scheme.

In the case of commercial catering cooking equipment that incorporate a mains water connection, a risk assessment process is required to fill the current gap for this product category. AGA intends to manage this process and we are

seeking expressions of interest from manufacturers and suppliers of such equipment and other interested groups to form a cooperative committee to address this issue.

Please contact Mr Ivan Marsic – imarsic@aga.asn.au to express your interest or if you have any queries.

Did you know?

AGA is a member based, not-for-profit industry association which exists only for the betterment of the gas and related industries. AGA is recognised nationally and internationally for its industry related activities, including, but not limited to, Product Certification, Testing, Standards writing, Calibration and incident investigations.

The AGA Laboratory is the largest testing facility in Australia for gas appliances and components with over 350 years of collective testing expertise. Our NATA scope of accreditation includes cookers, water heaters, space heaters, laundry dryers, refrigerators, ducted heaters, barbecues, patio heaters, camping products, commercial catering equipment, a whole range of gas components and controls and more.

Please contact our Laboratory Manager, Mr Dennis Karafotias, dkarafotias@aga.asn.au for more information or to receive a quotation.



Latest Standards Updates

AGA has received many queries from client companies expressing confusion regarding the published version of **AS/NZS 5263.0:2017** (Gas appliances - Part 0: General requirements), in particular how to cross reference this Standard with earlier editions of the corresponding AS/NZS 5263.1 Series of Standards.

To clarify, currently, **AS/NZS 5263.0:2017**, which was published on the 24th April 2017 can only be used in conjunction with AS/NZS 5260.1 standards that were published post 24th April 2017. To date, the only "Part 1" Series of Standards to be published post 24th April 2017 is **AS/NZS 5263.1.4:2017** (Gas appliances - Part 1.4: Radiant gas heaters). If your product does not fit within the scope of the previously published AS/NZS 5263.1 Series of standards, the requirements of AS/NZS 5263.0:2017 applies.

The currently published part one Standards as listed below can only be used in conjunction with **AS 5263.0:2013** which was published on 17th September 2013:

AS/NZS 5263.1.1:2016

Gas appliances - Part 1.1: Domestic cooking appliances

AS/NZS 5263.1.2: 2016

Gas appliances - Part 1.2: Gas fired water heaters for hot water and/or central heating

AS/NZS 5263.1.3: 2016

Gas appliances - Part 1.3: Gas space heating appliances

AS/NZS 5263.1.6:2016

Gas appliances - Part 1.6: Indirect gas-fired ducted air heaters

AS/NZS 5263.1.7:2016

Gas appliances - Part 1.7: Domestic outdoor gas barbecues

AS/NZS 5263.1.8:2016

Gas appliances - Part 1.8: Decorative effect gas appliances

The Standards committee responsible for these Standards has already initiated the updating process for the remainder of the part one Standards to be in line with the **AS/NZS 5263.0:2017** references. We expect these Standards will be updated in the near future and we will keep you posted.

In the meantime, we hope this explanation helps allay any confusion, however, if you are in any doubt, please contact your Client Manager who will be pleased to assist.

