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Mandatory Portable Swimming Pool Labelling **Effective 30th March 2014**

The [Consumer Goods \(Portable Swimming Pools\) Safety Standard 2013](#) prescribes requirements for this mandatory standard which **comes into effect on 30 March 2014**.

Under this new standard, portable pools and their retail packaging will require new warning labels.

The warning labels will also draw attention to state and territory fencing laws for pools, including inflatable and portable pools.

Under the mandatory standard, portable swimming pools are items that are both:

- intended for personal, domestic or household use
- one of the following:
 1. an inflatable swimming pool, of any depth
 2. a soft-sided swimming pool, of any depth
 3. a rigid-sided swimming pool that is not deeper than 300 mm.

Does this apply to your business?

Under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL), supply includes:

- in relation to goods - supply (including re-supply) by way of sale, exchange, lease, hire or hire-purchase, and
- in relation to services - provide, grant or confer.

This mandatory standard applies to anyone in the business of supplying portable swimming pools, including:

- manufacturers
- importers
- distributors
- retailers
- hirers.

To allow for staggered implementation, there are some cases where a mandatory standard or ban prescribes different compliance dates for the manufacturing, importing and supply of a product. Manufacturers, importers and distributors should check for this detail in the mandatory standard before embarking on production, importation or distribution of these goods.

Complying with the mandatory standard

To fully understand how to comply with the mandatory standard, members should read the [Consumer Goods \(Portable Swimming Pools\) Safety Standard 2013](#).

Penalties and consequences

Supplying portable swimming pools that do not meet the mandatory standard after the 30th March can make you liable for heavy fines and product recalls. For more details, view [Penalties and consequences](#).

Further information on portable pool safety and the upcoming mandatory safety standard is available at: <http://www.productsafety.gov.au/portablepools>.