

## **Regulation 102—Notice of Prohibition of the Importation, Sale or Use of a ‘Hot Glue Gun’**

Pursuant to Regulation 102 of the Electricity Regulations 1997, and acting under delegated authority from the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Economic Development, pursuant to section 41 of the State Sector Act 1988, I, Graham Boxall, Manager, Operations, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, hereby notify that the following electrical appliance, being a hot glue gun, as described below, is prohibited from importation, sale or use in New Zealand.

This prohibition is to take effect on and from the date following the date of publication of this notice in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

### **Description**

The glue gun is constructed of two “L” shaped black plastic moulded parts held together by screws.

The glue gun is identified by the marking “GLUE GUN 110-220V 10W”.

The front of the glue gun packaging is marked with “10013 HOT GLUE GUN”, “Great for all jobs around the house”, “QUALITY GUARANTEED”. The rear of the packaging is marked with a barcode numbered “9 330700 100139”, “MADE IN CHINA”.

The supply plug is a two pin, flat pin, parallel pin plug, not compatible with the New Zealand plug/socket system.

A sample of the glue gun was obtained from a “Just \$2” outlet at Northlands Shopping Mall, Papanui, Christchurch, although the Glue Guns may also be available elsewhere in New Zealand.

### **Details of Hazard**

The appliance constitutes or may constitute an electrical hazard in that:

- the insulation system of the appliance is reliant on basic insulation only. This may constitute an electric shock hazard to the user; and
- the plug fitted may constitute an electric shock hazard if distorted to fit into a standard New Zealand socket-outlet, by having inadequate protection against direct contact with live parts.

### **Reasons for Prohibition**

The glue gun does not meet the safety requirements of Electricity Regulation 69, in that:

- the glue gun is deemed to be unsafe by Regulation 76A (1) (c) – “its unearthed conductive parts are separated from live parts only by basic insulation”; and
- the plug fitted to the glue gun is deemed to be unsafe, by Regulation 76A (1) (b) – “it has inadequate protection against direct or indirect contact”.

Accordingly, I issue this prohibition.

Signed this 3rd day of August 2004.

GRAHAM BOXALL, Manager, Operations, Ministry of Consumer Affairs.