

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TESTING AUTHORITIES AUSTRALIA

RECOGNISED TESTING AUTHORITIES

Telecommunications equipment classified as requiring testing to compliance level 3 in the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA) [*Telecommunications Labelling \(Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling\) Notice 2001*](#) (Telecommunications Labelling Notice) (as amended from time to time) must have testing to Australian-technical standards done by a **Recognised Testing Authority (RTA)**. The Telecommunications Labelling Notice is the legal instrument which mandates the Australian telecommunications regulatory arrangement.

The [*Telecommunications Labelling \(Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling\) Notice 2001*](#) is available on ACMA's website at www.acma.gov.au (go to Industry > Equipment Standards & Compliance > Telecommunications > Telecommunications Labelling and Compliance).

ACMA has determined the National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA) as an accreditation body as per section 409(1) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* (Cth). NATA's role is to determine RTA's as per section 409(2) of the Act.

Laboratories are determined on the basis of their accreditation by:

- NATA;
- an accreditation body with whom NATA holds a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA).

A number of test houses, including overseas laboratories, have been determined by NATA to be RTA's for the purposes of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*. Determinations are made specifically for any Standard listed in the Telecommunications Labelling Notice requiring testing at compliance level 3. Hence, to be determined, a laboratory must have one or more of these standards identified in its scope of accreditation. It must be noted that accreditation for "equivalent" international standards is not recognised by the current arrangements.

Telecommunications equipment must also satisfy the Australian EMC regulatory arrangement. This requires a test report against AS/NZS CISPR 22 from an accredited laboratory (or European and international equivalents). Telecommunications equipment may also be required to satisfy the Australian EMR and radiocommunications requirements also regulated by the ACMA. It should be noted, however, that there is no requirement for EMC, EMR or radiocommunications testing laboratories to be determined as RTA's.

RTA LIST

In some instances, laboratories have exclusions listed in the scope of accreditation. These are tests which the laboratory cannot perform as part of their accreditation and hence, for which their RTA status does not apply. The exact nature of these exclusions should be checked with the laboratory.

It is also recommended that an endorsed test report (one containing the logo of the accreditation body and some reference to the accreditation) be specified in purchase orders. The endorsement will assist ACMA auditors in identifying that the testing has been performed under the laboratory's scope of accreditation.

UPDATES TO THE RTA LIST

NATA makes every effort to update the RTA when changes to laboratories and their scope of accreditation occur. It is, however, the responsibility of each RTA to:

- ensure their accreditation remains current with respect to the relevant standards; and
- advise NATA of changes to contact details and accreditation scope as soon as they occur

For more information on determination as an RTA or to advise of any omissions or errors in the list, please contact John.Mitchell@nata.asn.au or Christopher.Norton@nata.asn.au.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Many of the technical standards that were originally made by the ACA (now ACMA), and its predecessor AUSTEL, have now been replaced by standards developed by Australian Industry in association with ACMA. Recognised Testing Authorities should regularly check the *Telecommunications Labelling (Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling) Notice 2001* (as amended from time to time) to ensure its accreditation covers currently applicable ACMA standards.

It is not practical for NATA to maintain the RTA list in a fashion that shows historical information about an RTA (with the exception of withdrawn status). If it is necessary to check the status of an RTA at some point in time, please contact NATA as this information is retained.

Accreditation Number	Recognised Testing Authority	Superseded Scope (Standards previously listed)	Current Scope
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