

**Electricity Governance Regulations (Exemption  
No. 105 (Class A Approved Test Houses))  
Exemption Notice 2009**

Pursuant to Regulation 194 of the Electricity Governance Regulations 2003, the Electricity Commission (“Commission”) gives the following notice.

**Notice**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This notice is the Electricity Governance Regulations (Exemption No. 105 (Class A Approved Test Houses)) Exemption Notice 2009.

(2) This notice comes into force on the day after the date on which it is notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

**2. Exemption**—All Class A approved test houses (“Test Houses”) are exempted from compliance with the requirement, contained in Rule 3.2 of Code of Practice D2 of Schedule D1 of Part D of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 (“Rules”), to be certified to the relevant AS/NZS ISO 9001:2000 series quality certification or deemed equivalent.

**3. Terms and conditions**—This exemption is granted on the following conditions:

- (a) This exemption expires at the close of 30 September 2012;
- (b) the Test House must have its ISO 17025 certification extended to cover everything that ISO 9001:2000 covered except unsupervised or non-accredited service providers or subcontractors; and
- (c) the Test House must not use unsupervised or non-accredited service providers or subcontractors unless these service providers or subcontractors hold their own ISO 9001:2000 certification with the appropriate coverage for the work being done.

**4. Reasons for granting the exemption**—The reasons for granting this exemption are:

- (a) Test Houses who operate within the scope of their extended ISO 17025 certification and do not use unsupervised or non-accredited service providers or subcontractors do not need ISO 9001:2000 to effectively carry out their tasks as ISO 17025 is sufficient;
- (b) if Test Houses operate within the scope of their ISO 17025 certification, there will be unreasonable costs associated with obtaining a quality standard that the Test Houses would never need to use;
- (c) this will not affect any other participants or service providers; and
- (d) this issue will be considered further as part of the current review of Part D of the Rules.

Dated at Wellington this 31st day of August 2009.

For and on behalf of the Electricity Commission:

DAVID CAYGILL, Chair.

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