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General

Question

Are handheld steam cleaners designed or marketed as incorporating means for steaming fabric, clothes or textiles included in the *Iron* definition in B.2.35 of AS/NZS 4417.2 and therefore level 3 in-scope equipment?

Answer

Yes. If the handheld steam cleaner is designed or marketed and/or incorporates means for steaming fabric, clothes or textiles (e.g curtains, garments) the equipment is included by the B.2.35 Iron definition. The relevant standards applicable would be AS/NZS 60335.2.85. However, Particular requirements for surface cleaning appliances for household use employing liquids or steam – AS/NZS 60335.2.54” should also be considered.

Background

In accordance with AS/NZS 4417.2, the definition of an Iron is an electrical appliance that –

- a) is a household type;
- b) is for smoothing or pressing fabric by the application of heat or steam; and
- c) is hand held except for any separate steam generator; and includes -
- d) any associated equipment.

Class specification:

Fabric steamer - AS/NZS 60335.2.85

Other - AS/NZS 60335.2.3

The photos of the equipment and attachments are given below:

