

Orange Book 2024

Consultation report

Energy Safe Victoria consulted on draft *Victorian Traction Industry Electrical Safety Rules* from 23 April to 3 June 2024, on behalf of the Victorian Railway and Tramway Electrical Safety Committee. This document is also known as the Orange Book.

Engagement summary

On Tuesday 23 April Energy Safe CEO Leanne Hughson emailed 27 traction industry stakeholders to advise the consultation period was open. The consultation period closed 3 June 2024 and generated:

- 121 web page views
- 69 downloads of the draft guideline
- 6 written submissions.

Themes of submissions

- Consideration of the adoption of AS300 requirements
- Grammatical and formatting changes for readability
- Consideration for companies to gain approval from Energy Safe when varying requirements of the code
- Requirements for training timeframes being explicit at 3 years
- Clearance distance in Table 1 changed to align with the regulations (Column 2 final row)
- Inclusion of 3.3kv as this is a voltage used in the industry.

Our response to submissions

- All change suggestions and submissions were recorded and discussed by the Orange Book changes sub-committee of the Victorian Railway and Tramway Electrical Safety Committee
- The suggestions were either agreed or rejected by the sub-committee
- The persons that provided submissions during the consultation period were contacted by phone or email after the sub-committee had reviewed all submissions, with the decisions of the sub-committee explained
- The agreed changes were endorsed by the Victorian Railway and Tramway Electrical Safety Committee
- The final Orange Book 2024 has had legal review and endorsement by the Victorian Energy Safety Commission.

Link to final Orange Book 2024

The final *Code of Practice: Victorian Traction Industry Electrical Safety Rules*, more commonly known as the Orange Book, has now been published on the Energy Safe website.

<https://www.energysafe.vic.gov.au/industry-guidance/electrical/electrical-network-infrastructure/orange-book>