

Part 7 Life support equipment

123 Application of this Part

This Part applies in relation to a customer who is a party to a contract with a retailer for the sale of energy, and prevails to the extent of any inconsistency with Part 6 except in the case of an emergency warranting de-energisation of the premises of a customer referred to in rule 119.

124 Retailer obligations

(1) Life support equipment

Where a customer provides a retailer with confirmation from a registered medical practitioner that a person residing at the customer's premises requires *life support equipment*, the retailer must:

- (a) register the premises as having *life support equipment*; and
- (b) advise the distributor that a person residing at the premises requires *life support equipment*; and
- (c) give the distributor relevant information about the premises for the purposes of updating the distributor's distribution records and registers; and
- (d) not arrange for the de-energisation of the premises while the person continues to reside at the premises and requires *life support equipment*; and
- (e) give the customer an emergency telephone contact number for the distributor (the charge for which is no more than the cost of a local call).

Note:

This subrule is a civil penalty provision for the purposes of *the Law*. (See the National Regulations, clause 6 and Schedule 1.)

(2) Cessation of requirement for life support equipment

Where a customer whose premises have been registered under this rule advises the retailer that the person for whom the *life support equipment* is required has vacated the premises or no longer requires the *life support equipment*, the retailer must inform the distributor as soon as possible of the advice received from the customer.

Note:

This subrule is a civil penalty provision for the purposes of *the Law*. (See the National Regulations, clause 6 and Schedule 1.)

(3) Application of this rule to standard retail contracts

This rule applies in relation to standard retail contracts.

(4) **Application of this rule to market retail contracts**

This rule applies in relation to market retail contracts.

125 Distributor obligations

(1) **Application of this rule**

This rule applies where:

- (a) a retailer advises a distributor; or
- (b) a customer provides a distributor with confirmation from a registered medical practitioner,

that a person residing at the customer's premises requires *life support equipment*.

(2) **Life support equipment**

The distributor must:

- (a) register the premises as having *life support equipment*; and
- (b) except in the case of an *interruption* under Division 6 of Part 4, not de-energise the premises while the person continues to reside at the premises and requires the use of the *life support equipment*; and
- (c) at the time of registering the premises as having life support, give the customer:
 - (i) general advice that there may be a planned or *unplanned interruption* to the supply at the address; and
 - (ii) information to assist the customer to prepare a plan of action in case of an *unplanned interruption*; and
 - (iii) an emergency telephone contact number for the distributor (the charge for which is no more than the cost of a local call); and
- (d) in the case of an *interruption* under Division 6 of Part 4, give the customer at least 4 business days written notice of any *planned interruptions* to supply at the premises (the 4 business days to be counted from, but not including, the date of receipt of the notice).

Note:

This subrule is a civil penalty provision for the purposes of *the Law*. (See the National Regulations, clause 6 and Schedule 1.)

126 Registration details kept by distributor

- (1) A distributor must ensure that registration details under rule 125 are kept up to date, including relevant details of any advice or information received from a retailer or customer that the person for whom the *life support equipment* is required has vacated the premises or no longer requires the *life support equipment*.

Note:

This subrule is a civil penalty provision for the purposes of *the Law*.

- (2) A distributor may request a customer whose premises have been registered under rule 124 or 125 to inform the distributor if the person for whom the *life support equipment* is required has vacated the premises or no longer requires the *life support equipment*.