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DISPLAY SPA POOLS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2006

The Public and Environmental Health Council (the Council) is aware that the Department of Health (the Department) has received a number of enquiries regarding the application of the Public and Environmental Health (General) Regulations 2006 (the Regulations) for the operation and management of display spa pools, commonly found in retail outlets and at promotional events.

On behalf of the Council, the Department has produced a fact sheet that summarises the requirements of the Regulations as they apply to display spa pools:

Based on legal advice received by the Department, the fact sheet identifies that display spa pools in retail outlets and public venues are considered to be public spa pools as per Regulation 5(1)(c). Whilst it is noted that many display spa pools are not used in the most familiar sense (that is to soak in the pool for relaxation), the term "use" is considered to include the following:

- staff or members of the public placing their hands or body parts, or fully immersing themselves in the pool
- operation of a spa pool to enable potential customers to observe the features of the spa pool, that is, heating the water, operating the jets, and any other equipment associated with the spa pool

Accordingly, display spa pools are subject to inspection and must comply with all aspects of the Regulations and associated Codes of Practice and Standards.

If you require further information, please contact Health Protection Programs, SA Health on (08) 8226 7100.

Yours sincerely

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