

Australia Plans to Amend Mandatory Safety Standard for Pedal Bicycles

On 12 October 2026, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) commenced a review of the Consumer Product Safety Standard: Pedal Bicycles: Safety Requirements (2004-11-01) with a view to replacing it with the new **Consumer Goods (Pedal Bicycles) Safety Standard 2026** (the new standard).



The ACCC is now seeking public comments on the exposure draft of the new standard, the requirements of which are further clarified by a "section-by-section explanation".

Product Scope

The exposure draft only applies to **pedal bicycles**, which means a **fully or partially assembled bicycle intended to be powered by human pedal operation**.

Exclusions

The new standard will not cover:

- a) Bicycles with a wheelbase of less than 640 mm
- b) Bicycles designed, promoted and supplied primarily for use in competition
- c) Bicycles uniquely constructed to the order of an individual consumer
- d) Bicycles designed to be hinged or folded, or to be taken apart beyond the removal of the front wheel, for ease of storage or portability
- e) Tandem bicycles
- f) Power-assisted bicycles
- g) Bicycles showing signs of appreciable wear or second-hand bicycles
- h) Recumbent bicycles

Details of Requirements

Section 11 Compliance Standards

In the exposure draft, Section 11 – **Compliance with the requirements of an applicable incorporated instrument** specifies that a pedal bicycle (within the product scope) must comply with the requirements of one of the following incorporated instruments, in the relevant version:

#	Standard	Reference	Title
a	Australian/New Zealand Standard	<u>AS/NZS 1927</u>	Pedal bicycles – Safety requirements
b	International Standard 1	Parts 1 to 9 (inclusive) of <u>ISO 4210</u>	Cycles — Safety requirements for bicycles
c	International Standard 2	<u>ISO 8098</u>	Cycles — Safety requirements for bicycles for young children
d	European Standard	<u>EN 16054</u>	BMX bicycles Safety requirements and test methods

Section 12 – Audible warning device

This section provides that a pedal bicycle must have an audible warning device (for example, a bell).

Section 13 – Handbrakes

This section provides that:

- A pedal bicycle must have a right handbrake lever which operates on the front wheel brake; and
- Where a pedal bicycle is provided with a left handbrake lever which must operate on the rear wheel brake.

Section 14 – Reflectors

This section provides that a pedal bicycle must have specified colour reflectors on the sides, front and rear of the pedal bicycle.

Section 15 – Inconsistencies

This section provides that if there is any inconsistency between a requirement in an applicable incorporated instrument mentioned in section 11 and a requirement under section 12, 13 or 14, then **the pedal bicycle must comply with the requirements of section 12, 13, or 14.**

Reference

<https://consultation.accc.gov.au/accc/pedal-bicycles-mandatory-standard-exposure-draft/>

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