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**Flammable and combustible liquids—
Precautions against electrostatic
ignition during tank vehicle loading**



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This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia Committee ME-017, Flammable and Combustible Liquids, as a Code of Practice that provides precautions that are intended to reduce the risk of electrostatic ignition during the loading of flammable and combustible liquids into road tank vehicles. It is based on the Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP) CP 8—2000, *Code of Practice—Precautions against electrostatic ignition during tank vehicle loading*, which has been withdrawn by AIP.

This Standard is intended to provide minimum precautions against electrostatic ignition during tank vehicle loading. It is not intended to replace any statutory regulations in any area, which take precedence over the requirements of this Standard. The relevant regulatory authority having jurisdiction may determine the extent of application of this Standard.

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