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**Cranes, hoists and winches—Safe use**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME-005, Cranes, to cover general requirements for the safe use of cranes. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

*This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (May 2004). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.*

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This Standard covers the general requirements for the safe use of cranes, hoists and winches. It differs from the previous edition in the following ways:

- (a) The content has been rationalized and the requirements for specific types of cranes have been removed to their dedicated Standard.
- (b) The content has been amended to reflect the changing role of the Regulatory Authorities in the country.
- (c) Editorial changes.

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