



Expression of Intent EOI/04/002

AS/ACIF S008:2001 Requirements for authorised cabling products

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With respect to your query, please note that the CECRP response is restricted to expressing the PAG's view of the intent or likely intent of the words of the Standard concerned. Some queries therefore may be more appropriately addressed to the Australian Communications Authority, a test laboratory or experienced consultant concerned with Customer Equipment design requirements.

It is understood that your fundamental question concerning AS/ACIF S008:2001 is:

Clause 5.8.4 heading is 'Metallic Cordage'. This heading will confuse readers that Clause 5.8.4 is only applicable to metallic cordage. There was no definition of metallic cordage in AS/ACIF S008:2001 with Amendment 1. (I understand this clause applies to cordage having metallic conductors. What about someone claim their cordage is metallic because they use thermoplastic insulation and sheath.)

In response to this query:

Cordage is defined in the Standard as 'optical fibre, coaxial, or metallic conductors within a sheath ...'. This clause applies to cordage with metallic conductors, as distinct from other types of cordage. Therefore, this heading adequately identifies the type of cordage for which these requirements apply and does not need any further explanation or modification in the opinion of the Working Committee.

Cordage using thermoplastic insulation and sheath could not be claimed to be metallic, so the concern is not valid.