

## Protection of Industry

NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the requirements of the Tariff and Development Board Act 1961 and its amendments, that the Minister of Customs has received the final report of the Tariff and Development Board on the following goods:

Goods	Date of Receipt
MCPB and 2, 4 DB Weedkillers; Simazine, Atrazine and Propazine	24 September 1974

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of September 1974.  
J. A. KEAN, Comptroller of Customs.

No. 829

## Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of a reference by the Magistrate's Court, Wellington, in respect of the book *Naked Lunch* by William S. Burroughs, published by Grove Press, U.S.A.

Mr Hawkes appeared on behalf of the Comptroller of Customs and made submissions. Mr Alister Taylor appeared on behalf of the importer and made submissions.

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

IN previous decisions on novels by William Burroughs the Tribunal held *Dead Fingers Talk* to be not indecent (1964), and *The Soft Machine* to be indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 18 years (1971). *Naked Lunch* was previously considered by the Tribunal in 1967 and found to be indecent (decision No. 53, *New Zealand Gazette*, 23 November 1967). The paperback edition currently before the Tribunal contains material from the successful defence of the book before the Massachusetts Supreme Court in 1966, including testimony by writers such as Norman Mailer and Allan Ginsberg.

Burroughs is one of the major American experimental novelists; while his common themes of drug addiction and homosexuality may be unappealing to many, his seriousness of purpose cannot be questioned. Neither situations nor language are for the squeamish, but Burroughs' involved and rather impenetrable style make it unlikely many readers would persevere with it for long unless they were serious students of literature. We can see no good reason for continuing to deny the book to adult readers, and the Tribunal accordingly classifies *Naked Lunch* as indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 18 years.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

20 September 1974.

## The Standards Act 1965—Specifications Declared to be Standard Specifications

PURSUANT to section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, the Standards Council, on 20 September 1974, declared the under-mentioned specifications to be standard specifications:

Number and Title of Specification	Price of Copy (Mailed) \$
NZS 3152:1974 Manufacture and use of structural and insulating lightweight concrete. Metric units.	4.80
NZS 7649:1974 (BS 4660:1973) Unplasticized PVC underground drain pipes and fittings. Metric units. (Including Amendment A.)	6.00

Copies of the standard specifications are available from the Standards Association of New Zealand, World Trade Center, 15-23 Sturdee Street (or Private Bag), Wellington 1.  
Dated at Wellington this 24th day of September 1974.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 1—114/2/2: 526—27)

## The Standards Act 1965—Amendment of Standard Specifications

PURSUANT to section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, the Standards Council, on 20 September 1974, amended the under-mentioned standard specifications by the incorporation of the amendments shown hereunder:

Number, Title, and Price of Standard Specification (Mailed)	Amendment No./AMD
NZS 365:1965 Glazed clay sewer pipes for use with non-flexible joints. 75c	2
NZS 366:1963 Clay building bricks. 75c	1
NZS 1823:1967 Ceramic (earthenware) sewer pipes for use with flexible joints. 95c	1
NZS 6221:— (BS 4568:—) Steel conduits and fittings with metric threads of ISO form for electrical installations— Part 2: 1972 (BS 4568: Part 2: 1970) Fittings and components. Metric units. \$6.00	1/1133 (\$2.55) 1A

Copies of the specifications so amended are obtainable from the Standards Association of New Zealand, World Trade Center, 15-23 Sturdee Street (or Private Bag), Wellington 1.

Copies of the amendments will be supplied free of charge, upon request, unless where otherwise stated.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of September 1974.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 2—114/2/3: 764—68)

## The Standards Act 1965—Standard Specifications Revoked

PURSUANT to section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, the Standards Council, on 20 September 1974, revoked the under-mentioned standard specifications:

Number and Title of Standard Specification
NZS 247:1948 Solutions and methods for the estimation of acidity in cream, milk and whey.
NZS 313:1956 (BS 850:1955) Definitions of cinematograph "safety film".

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of September 1974.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 3—114/2/7: 734—35)

## The Standards Act 1965—Standard Specifications Proposed for Revocation

NOTICE is hereby given that the New Zealand standard specifications listed in the Schedule hereto have been reviewed by committees of the Standards Council and have been recommended for revocation, pursuant to the provisions of the Standards Act 1965.

Any person who may be affected by the proposal to revoke these standard specifications, and who wishes to object to their revocation is invited to submit comments to the Standards Association of New Zealand, Private Bag, Wellington, not later than 25 October 1974.

## SCHEDULE

Number and Title of Standard Specification
NZS 141:— (BS 729:—) Zinc coatings on iron and steel articles— Part 2: 1962 (BS 729: Part 2: 1961) Sherardized coatings.
NZS 227:1949 (BS 762:1938) Wrought iron bars "special" grade.
NZS 340:1949 (BS 858:1939) "Best Yorkshire" wrought iron.
NZS 422:1949 (BS 991:1941) Data on cast iron.
NZS 528:1950 (BS 971:1950) Commentary on BS wrought steels. (En series.)
NZS 590:1950 (BS 51:1939) Wrought iron for general engineering purposes.
NZS 1325:— (BS 2772:—) Iron and steel for colliery cage suspension gear— Part 1: 1958 (BS 2772: Part 1: 1956) Wrought iron (not for mine car drawgear).
NZS GP 46:1962 Combination bassinette-locker units for use in maternity hospitals.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of September 1974.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 4—114/2/6)