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This includes Standards development, the development of hazard-specific preventive strategies, research, training, information collection and dissemination and the development of common approaches to occupational health and safety legislation.

In September 1988, the draft Workplace Injuries and Disease Recording Standard was released for public comment in accordance with s.38(4) of the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act 1985 (Commonwealth).

The National Commission, having considered public comment on the draft document, now declares a final Workplace Injury and Disease Recording Standard pursuant to s.38(1) of the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act.

The Standard has been approved by the Standards Australia Committee on Industrial Accident Records as Part 1 of a multi-part Standard dealing with the measurement of occupational health and safety performance. The remaining parts of the Standard are yet to be prepared.

It should be noted that national Standards declared by the National Commission are instruments of an advisory character, except where a law, other than the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act, or an instrument made under such a law, makes them mandatory.

Major areas where this Standard differs from AS 1885—1976 include —

- (a) splitting the recording form into sections dealing with data to be recorded for all injury and disease occurrences, and data which need be recorded only for lost time injury and disease occurrences;
- (b) details of the employer are no longer recorded on each form, and are recorded once for each recording period and unit; and
- (c) the details of injury or disease are recorded in a more precise manner, and the facility for encoding certain data has been provided.

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