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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee HE-006, Handling and Destruction of Drugs. It stems from a need, expressed by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department (Australia), for a Standard on destruction of drugs.

The objectives of this Standard are—

(a) to establish an Australian and New Zealand Standard for the seizure, handling, storage, disposal and destruction of drugs and drug related materials;

(b) to ensure the transparency and integrity of the process followed by the relevant authorities on seizure, handling, storage, disposal and destruction of drugs and drug related materials; and

(c) to provide a procedure for handling and destruction of drugs, for the use of law enforcement agencies and regulatory agencies including Federal, State and Territory police services of Australia, the Australian Customs Service, forensic laboratories of Australia, the Therapeutic Goods Administration of Australia, New Zealand Ministry of Health, New Zealand Customs Service, the New Zealand Police and Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd and private contractors acting with the lawful authority of a relevant agency.

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