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## New Zealand Building Concerning Clause G10 Piped Services

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| Clause G10—PI  | PED SERVICES  |             |                   |
| Prov   | isions  | Limits on a | pplication        |
| OBJECTIVE  |   |             |                   |
| <b>G10.1</b> The objec<br>provision is to sat<br>from injury or ill<br>extreme tempera<br>substances associate<br>services.                                  | feguard people<br>ness caused by<br>tures or <i>hazardous</i>       |             |                   |
| FUNCTIONAL I   | REQUIREMENT   |             |                   |
| <b>G10.2</b> In <i>building</i><br>potentially <i>hazard</i><br>containing hot, co<br>corrosive or toxic<br>installations shall<br>provide <i>adequate</i> s | bus services<br>old, flammable,<br>fluids, the<br>be constructed to |             |                   |
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| G10.3.1 Piping sy constructed to av of:  | vstems shall be<br>oid the likelihood                               |             |                   |
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| (b) Detrimental c<br>the contents b<br>substances,   |   |             |                   |
| (c) Adverse intera<br>services, or be<br>electrical syste  | etween piping and   |             |                   |
| (d) People having<br>pipes which co<br>harm.   | contact with<br>ould cause them                                     |             |                   |
| <b>G10.3.2</b> Provision<br>for the ready rem<br>or condensate in  | noval of moisture   |             |                   |
| G10.3.3 Pipes sh<br>against corrosion<br>environment of t  | all be protected<br>in the  |             |                   |
| G10.3.4 Piping sy<br>identified with m<br>contents are not<br>from the location<br>equipment.  | arkings if the<br>readily apparent                                  |             |                   |

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| Provisions  | Limits on application |  |
| G10.3.5 Enclosed spaces shall be<br>constructed to avoid the likelihood<br>of accumulating vented or leaking<br>gas.<br>G10.3.6 Piped systems shall have<br>isolation devices which permit the<br>installation or individual items of<br>apparatus to be isolated from the<br>supply system, for maintenance,<br>testing, fault detection and repair. |                       |  |

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|                     | Standards New Z               | Zealand   |              |
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| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010 | NZS/BS 21: 1985               | Specification for pipe threads for tubes and fittings<br>where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads<br>(metric dimensions)<br><i>Amend: 1</i>                        | AS1 Table 1  |
|                     |                               |   |              |
|                     | AS/NZS 1170:<br>Part 0: 2002  | Structural design actions<br>General principles<br><i>Amends: 1, 2, 4</i>   | AS1 1.0.1 a) |
|                     | Part 1: 2002                  | Permanent, imposed and other actions <i>Amend: 1</i>  |              |
|                     | Part 2: 2002                  | Wind actions<br>Amend: 1  |              |
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|                     | NZS 1170:                     |   |              |
| Amend 6<br>Oct 2011 | Part 5: 2004                  | Earthquake design actions – New Zealand   | AS1 1.0.1 a) |
| Amend 2<br>Dec 1995 | NZS/BS 1387:<br>1985 (1990)   | Specification for screwed and socketed steel tubes<br>and tubulars and for plain end steel tubes suitable<br>for welding or screwing to BS 21 pipe threads<br><i>Amend: 1</i> | AS1 Table 1  |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010 |                               |   |              |
| Amend 6<br>Oct 2011 | NZS 3501: 1976                | Specification for copper tubes for water, gas,<br>and sanitation<br><i>Amends: 1, 2, 3</i>  | AS1 Table 1  |
|                     | NZS 3502: 1976                | Specification for copper and copper alloy tubes for general engineering purposes  | AS1 Table 1  |
| Amend 2<br>Dec 1995 | NZS/BS 3601:<br>  1987 (1993) | Specification for carbon steel pipes and tubes with specified room temperature properties for pressure purposes   | AS1 Table 1  |

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| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010            | NZS 4219: 1983                              | Specification for seismic resistance of engineering systems in buildings <i>Amend: 1, 2</i>   | Where quoted<br>AS1 1.0.1 a) |                     |
|                                | AS/NZS 4331<br>Part 1: 1995<br>Part 2: 1995 | Metallic flanges<br>Steel flanges<br>Cast iron flanges  | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010            |   |   |                              |                     |
| Amend 4<br>Jun 2007<br>Amend 5 | NZS 5261: 2003                              | Gas installation <i>Amend: 1, 2</i>   | VM1 1.0.1,<br>AS1 5.0.1      | Amend 2<br>Dec 1995 |
| Sep 2010                       | NZS 5807:-                                  | Code of practice for industrial identification by colour, wording or other coding   |                              | Amends<br>1 and 3   |
| Amend 6<br>Oct 2011            | Part 2: 1980                                | Identification of contents of piping, conduit and ducts <i>Amend: 1, 2</i>  | AS1 1.0.1                    | Amend 1<br>Sep 1993 |
|                                | NZS 7646: 1978                              | Specification for polyethylene pipes and fittings for gas reticulation  | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
|                                | British Standards                           | Institution   |                              |                     |
| Amend 6<br>Oct 2011            | BS 10: 2009                                 | Specification for flanges and bolting for pipe, valves and fittings   | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
|                                | BS 143 and 1256:                            | 2000 Specification for malleable cast iron and cast<br>copper alloy threaded pipe fittings<br><i>Amend: 1, 2, 3, 4</i>                                | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010            | BS EN 1044:1999                             | Brazing. Filler metals  | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
|                                | BS EN 10253-3: 20                           | 007 Butt-welding pipe fittings – non-alloy and ferric alloy steels with specific inspection requirements.   | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
|                                | BS EN 10253-3: 20                           | 008 Butt-welding pipe fittings – wrought austenitic<br>and austenitic-ferritic (duplex) stainless steels<br>without specific inspection requirements. | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
| Amend 6<br>Oct 2011            |   |   |                              | Amend 1<br>Sep 1993 |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010            | BS 2971: 1991                               | Specification for Class II arc welding of carbon steel pipework for carrying fluids   | AS1 1.3.1 a), Table 1        |                     |
|                                | BS 3799: 1974<br>(1994)                     | Specification for steel pipe fittings, screwed and socket-welding for the petroleum industry  | AS1 Table 1                  | Amend 2<br>Dec 1995 |
| A                              | BS EN 10241: 200                            | 0 Steel threaded pipe fittings  | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |
| Amend 5<br>Son 2010            | DC EN 14224-200                             | A Proving Children on the application of brozed isinte  | AS1 Table 1                  |                     |

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|  | Standards Associ                    | iation of Australia   | Where quoted                |  |
|  | AS D26: 1972                        | Tube fittings with dryseal American standard taper<br>pipe and unified threads for automotive and<br>industrial use | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | AS 1167:-<br>Part 1: 2005           | Welding and brazing – Filler metals<br>Filler metal for brazing and braze welding                                   | AS1 Table 1 Amend<br>Dec 19 |  |
|  | AS 1432: 2004                       | Copper tubes for plumbing, gasfitting and drainage applications   | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010<br>Amend 6<br>Oct 2011 | AS 3688: 2005                       | Water supply – Copper and copper alloy compression and capillary fittings and threaded connectors <i>Amend: 1</i>   | AS1 Table 1 Amend<br>Dec 19 |  |
|  | American Society                    | / for Testing and Materials   |                             |  |
|  | ASTM                                |   |                             |  |
|  | A53-90                              | Specification for pipe, steel, black and hot-dipped, zinc-coated welded and seamless                                | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | A106-91                             | Specification for seamless carbon steel pipe for high temperature service   | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | American Nation<br>Mechanical Engir | al Standards Institute and American Society of neers  |                             |  |
|  | ANSI/ASME<br>B16.1-1989             | Cast iron pipe flanges and flanged fittings,<br>Class 25, 125, 250 and 800  | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | B16.3-1985                          | Malleable-iron threaded fittings, Classes 150 and 300   | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | B16.5-1988                          | Pipe flanges and flanged fittings, steel-nickel alloy and other special alloys                                      | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | B16.9-1990                          | Factory-made wrought steel butt-welding fittings  | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | ANSI<br>B16.11-1980                 | Forged steel fittings, socket-welding and threaded  | AS1 Table 1                 |  |
|  | American Petrole                    | eum Institute   |                             |  |
|  | API SPEC 5L-1991                    | Specification for line pipeAS1 Table 1  |                             |  |
|  | API STD 1104-198                    | 88 Welding of pipelines and related facilities  | AS1 1.3.1 b),<br>Table 1    |  |

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## Definitions



Amend 4 Jun 2007 | This is an abbreviated list of definitions for words or terms particularly relevant to this Compliance Document. The definitions for any other italicised words may be found in the New Zealand Building Code Handbook.

Adequate Adequate to achieve the objectives of the *building code*.

Amend 4 Jun 2007 **Building** has the meaning ascribed to it by Sections 8 and 9 of the Building Act 2004.

**Hazardous** Creating an unreasonable risk to people of bodily injury or deterioration of health.

Intended use in relation to a *building*:

- a) includes any or all of the following:
  - Any reasonably foreseeable occasional other use that is not incompatible with the *intended use*; and
  - ii) Normal maintenance; and
  - iii) Activities taken in response to *fire* or any other reasonably foreseeable emergency

Amend 4 Jun 2007 b) but does not include any other maintenance and repairs or rebuilding.

**Regulator** A device which automatically regulates the pressure or volume of gas passing through it to a predetermined level.

**Safety shut-off system** An arrangement of valves and associated control systems which shuts off the supply of gas when required by a device which senses an unsafe condition.

- **Tailpipe** A device placed at the low point of a gas piping system to collect condensate, and from which the condensate may be removed.
- **Vent line** A pipe or tube which conveys gas to a safe place outside the *building* from a gas pressure *regulator* relief valve.

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## 1.0 Soundness Testing

Amend 4 Jun 2007 | **1.0.1** NZS 5261 Appendix D describes acceptable test methods to establish that piping systems will withstand a forseeable pressure without significant leakage.

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It is intended that the New Zealand Building Code will in due course provide acceptable solutions for piping a range of fluids and solids. This acceptable solution is restricted to the reticulation of gas (typically natural or *town gas*), used as an energy source.

For water supply piping, an acceptable solution is given in G12/AS1.

## Piping for Gas used as an Energy Source

## 1.0 Pipework Construction

**1.0.1** Pipework installed in *buildings* shall:

- Amend 5<br/>Sep 2010a) Be designed in accordance with AS/NZS 1170,<br/>and comply with the seismic design and<br/>installation requirements of NZS 4219,
  - b) Use materials and jointing techniques complying with Table 1,
  - c) Have no plain nipples, square back elbows or long screws, and
  - d) Have metal (including spirally wound metal) gaskets with a minimum melting point of 500°C.

### COMMENT:

Amend 1 Sep 1993 Pipework can be identified using the marking conventions given by NZS 5807.

## 1.1 Drainage and cleaning provisions

**1.1.1** Where condensates can form in a pipeline, they shall be removed by grading the pipe with a fall of 4 mm per metre towards a *tailpipe* (drip), located at the piping low point nearest the outlet side of the meter.

**1.1.2** If this is impractical, a single *tailpipe* may be provided at the lowest point in the pipeline, which shall have a fall to that point.

## 1.1.3 Tailpipes

Tailpipes shall be:

- a) Constructed to provide:
  - i) ready access for cleaning and draining,
  - a trap which on filling will shut off the flow of gas before the condensate can run back to the meter, and
  - iii) protection from frost,

- b) Of sufficient capacity for:
  - i) the pipes draining into them, and

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- ii) the amount of condensate likely to occur, and
- c) Installed with a suitable control fitting and plug to allow removal of condensate if the *tailpipe* is below ground.

## 1.2 Pipework installation

- 1.2.1 A pipework installation shall have:
- a) Pipes supported in accordance with Table 2,
- b) Pipes separated (by at least 25 mm) from any metallic electrical conduit, or metal armoured or metal sheathed electrical wire,
- c) Pipe risers which are:
  - i) supported by anchors and attachments which are capable of supporting the total weight of the riser and allow for differential expansion,

ii) sleeved through floors,

iii) not jointed at sleeve locations, and

- d) Pipe bends and offsets which:
  - i) are constructed without buckling, cracks, or physical damage, and
  - ii) give at least the gas-carrying capacity of a standard fitting, and
- e) No piping laid on the ground.

## Acceptable Solution G10/AS1

Amend 1 Sep 1993 Table 1:Acceptable Standards for Piping SystemsParagraph 1.0.1 b)

| Seb 1993              | NA 4 1 1 |   | A   |   | 0   |
|-----------------------|----------|---|---|---|---|
|                       | Material | Acceptable piping   | Acceptable fittings   | Acceptable jointing   | Special conditions  |
| Amend 5  <br>Sep 2010 | Steel    | Steel pipe to<br>NZS/BS 1387,<br>NZS/BS 3601,<br>ASTM A53, ASTM | Screwed pipe fittings,<br>malleable cast iron to<br>BS 143 and 1256<br>or ANSI B16.3. | Screwing/socketing<br>to NZS/BS 21.   | <ol> <li>Black pipe:</li> <li>is not permitted<br/>below ground<br/>unless protected.</li> </ol>                          |
| Amend 5  <br>Sep 2010 |          | A106 or API 5L.   | Wrought steel to<br>BS EN 10241, or<br>ANSI B16.11.                                   |   | (Galvanising is not<br>sufficient protection.)<br>ii) is not permitted<br>with wet gas.                                   |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010   |          |   | Socket-welding pipe<br>fittings, sockets to<br>NZS/BS 3799 or<br>ANSI B16.11.         | Welding to BS 2971<br>or API 1104.  | iii) shall be painted<br>or suitably coated<br>when installed<br>above ground.  |
| Amend 6<br>Oct 2011   |          |   | Butt-welding fittings<br>to BS EN 10253-2,<br>BS EN 10253-3<br>or ANSI B16.9.         |   | <ol> <li>All joints in locations<br/>below ground shall<br/>be externally<br/>protected against<br/>corrosion.</li> </ol> |
| Amend 5               |          |   | Flanges to BS 10,<br>AS/NZS 4331  |   | <ol> <li>Welding shall be<br/>by welders certified<br/>in accordance with<br/>API 1104.</li> </ol>                        |
| Sep 2010              |          |   | ANSI B16.1 and B16.5.   |   | <ol> <li>Flanged joints may<br/>only be used when<br/>other jointing methods<br/>are impracticable.</li> </ol>            |
|                       | Copper   | Copper tube to NZS  | Copper tube   | Brazing in  | 1. Not for installation   |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010   |          | 3501, NZS 3502 or<br>AS 1432.                                   | expanded with proper<br>forming tools to<br>provide capillary                         | accordance with<br>BS EN 14324 using<br>copper-phosphorous  | below ground,<br>unless in protective<br>ducting.   |
| Amend 5<br>Sep 2010   |          |   | tolerances.   | brazing alloy to AS<br>1167-1 or BS EN 1044,  |   |
|                       |          |   | Copper and copper<br>alloy capillary fittings<br>to AS 3688.                          | with a nominal silver<br>content of not less<br>than 5% and a<br>melting point in<br>excess of 550°C. |   |
|                       |          |   | Copper alloy  | Flares formed with  |   |
|                       |          |   | compression fittings to AS 3688 or AS D26.  | proprietary flaring tools.  |   |
| Amend 1<br>Sep 1993   | Plastic  | Polyethylene to<br>NZS 7646.                                    | Fittings to NZS 7646.   |   | Below ground use only.  |

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| Table 2:  | Paragraph                   |                       |        |                                 |   |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---|
| Nominal<br>(nominal b<br>steel or no<br>outside di<br>of copper | pore of<br>ominal<br>ameter | Horizont<br>support : |        | Vertical run<br>support spacing | Minimum rod<br>diameter for<br>single rod hangers |
| (m  | ım)                         | (n                    | ר)     | (m)                             | (mm)  |
| STEEL   | COPPER                      | STEEL                 | COPPER |                                 |   |
| 8   |                             | 2                     | -      |                                 | 10  |
| 10  | 10                          | 2                     | 1      |                                 | 10  |
| 15  | 15                          | 1.5                   |        |                                 | 10  |
| -   | 18                          | -                     | 1.5    |                                 | 10  |
| 20  | 20                          | 2.5                   | 2      | At each floor level             | 10  |
| 25  | 25                          | 2.5                   | 2      | but in any case not             | 10  |
| 32  | 32                          | 3                     | 2      | more than 3.0 m                 | 10  |
| 40  | 40                          | 3                     | 2.5    |                                 | 10  |
| 50  | 50                          | 3                     | 3      |                                 | 10  |
| 65  | 65                          | 3                     | 3      |                                 | 16  |
| 80  | 80                          | 4                     | 3      |                                 | 16  |
| 100   | 100                         | 4                     | 3      |                                 | 16  |

## 1.3 Welded joints

- **1.3.1** Welded joints shall comply with the tests and procedures given in:
- $\frac{Amend 5}{Sep 2010}$  a) BS 2971 for pressures up to 420 kPa, or
  - b) API 1104 for pressures over 420 kPa.

## 1.4 Concealed piping

### 1.4.1 In concrete

Piping installed in concrete shall:

a) For steel pipes, have a concrete cover of:

75 mm when concrete is cast against the ground,

50 mm when concrete is exposed to the weather, or

35 mm when concrete is indoors, and

b) Have pipes other than steel, sleeved to allow for expansion, and

c) Have protection (such as wrapping) from corrosion provided at points of entry and exit from the concrete.

### COMMENT:

It is recommended that where practicable, such as in industrial construction, pipes be laid in covered floor channels and be protected against corrosion if necessary.

### 1.4.2 In enclosed spaces

Piping installed in enclosed spaces shall:

- a) Not be located in lift wells, air ducts, plenum ceilings, air handling plenums, clothes chutes, rubbish chutes, ventilating ducts, fire hydrant cupboards or fire isolated stairways,
- b) In under floor spaces have:
  - i) pipes suspended clear of the ground by a minimum of 100 mm, and
  - ii) enclosed spaces ventilated in accordance with E2/AS1,

- c) In unventilated and/or inaccessible spaces be installed without joints, and
- d) Where joints are unavoidable, have the joint inspected, tested and proved sound before the pipework is concealed.

### 1.4.3 Underground

Underground pipes shall be:

a) Sleeved and sealed where they penetrate foundation walls,

#### COMMENT:

The pipes are sleeved and sealed to prevent gas leakage to the *building*, and damage to the pipe resulting from differential settlement.

- b) Sufficiently buried to protect the piping from physical damage, and have a minimum cover in accordance with Table 3, and
- c) Bedded on firm compacted ground so that:
  - i) pipes are supported along their entire length and are not resting on collars and flanges, and
  - ii) bedding material and backfill within75 mm of the pipe is free of stones.

### COMMENT:

It is recommended that where practicable, such as in industrial construction, pipes be laid in covered floor channels, and be protected against corrosion if necessary.

### 1.5 Pipework in ducts

**1.5.1** False ceiling spaces and void spaces within cavity and partition walls containing pipework, shall be constructed as ventilated ducts.

### COMMENT:

Such ventilation should be installed in a way that does not compromise any other New Zealand Building Code requirements such as resistance to the spread of fire, or sound transmission.



| Table 3:                      | <b>Piping Cover</b><br>Paragraph 1.4.3 b) |        |
|-------------------------------|---|--------|
| Low and<br>medium<br>pressure | Under lawns,<br>paths and<br>gardens      | 300 mm |
|                               | Under roadways<br>and driveways           | 450 mm |
| Intermedia<br>pressure        | ate Under lawns,<br>paths and<br>gardens  | 450 mm |
|                               | Under roadways<br>and driveways           | 600 mm |

**1.5.2** Pipes fitted in horizontal ducts which have open grille type covers, shall be treated as above-ground pipes.

### 1.5.3 Ventilated ducts

Piping shall be permitted in ventilated ducts when:

- a) False ceilings and void spaces within cavity walls are specifically designed and purposebuilt as ventilated ducts,
- b) The enclosing walls of the duct are not penetrated by pipes of greater than 150 mm nominal bore,
- c) Wall penetrations by pipes of 150 mm or less nominal bore are:
  - i) the minimum necessary to accommodate the pipe, and
  - ii) the opening is fire-stopped, and
- d) The duct has through-flow ventilation by providing a minimum of one opening at each end of the duct or isolated section of the duct. (For horizontal ducts acceptable openings are located at high and low levels),

- e) A minimum free ventilation opening of 1/150 of the cross-sectional area of the duct or 50,000 mm<sup>2</sup> whichever is the greater, is provided, and
- f) Pipes within horizontal ducts are located near the bottom of the duct.

## 1.5.4 Unventilated ducts

The installation of pipes in unventilated ducts should be avoided, but when it is necessary for a pipe to pass through an unventilated duct or void, either:

- a) The pipes shall be continuously sleeved with the sleeve ventilated at one or both ends into a ventilated space, or
- b) The duct void shall be filled with dry, washed sand.

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Dry, washed sand is acceptable because it is inert, non-combustible and non-corrosive.

## 2.0 Isolating Valves

2.0.1 Gas piping isolating valves shall:

- a) For emergency shut-down of commercial and industrial installations, have their location clearly identified on a drawing permanently and prominently displayed near the primary meter set.
- b) For appliances, be of the 1/4 turn type with the handle marked to indicate the direction of gas flow.
- c) For domestic and light commercial installations, be provided in an accessible location outside the *building*.

**2.0.2** To satisfy Paragraph 2.0.1 b), the meter inlet-valve may be used as an isolating valve in accordance with the requirements of the gas supply authority.

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### 3.0 Corrosion Control

**3.0.1** Acceptable solutions for the control of pipework corrosion shall provide for:

- a) The installation of a joint which is electrically non-conducting, where a pipe rises above ground,
- b) The separation of electrochemically incompatible materials in underground locations, by joining with insulated components, and
- c) The painting of black steel pipe as soon as practicable after installation unless it is protected with anti-corrosive wrapping.

### 4.0 Vent Lines

#### 4.0.1 Vent lines shall:

- a) Be fitted to all vented *safety shut-off systems*, gas pressure relief devices, and breather vents, installed within a *building*,
- b) Have the vent pipe discharge point located no closer than:
  - i) 1.0 m in any direction from an opening into a *building*, and
  - ii) 2.0 m from any source of ignition, and
- c) Have vent line diameters complying with:
  - i) Table 4 for ventilators, or
  - ii) Table 5 for a vented *safety shut-off system*, and
- d) Have no *vent lines* of different types interconnected,
- e) Have no breather vent connected to a safety system shut-off vent,
- f) Have *vent lines* from the same appliance interconnected for:
  - i) safety shut-off vent lines, and
  - ii) breather vent lines, and

- g) Have common *vent lines* with a crosssectional area equal to or greater than the sum of the cross-sectional areas of the two largest *vent lines* being interconnected, and
- h) Have the *vent line* extended to the outside of the *building* and terminating in a breather vent.

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**4.0.2** Breather vents may be vented within a room or enclosure if the diameter of the vent outlet does not exceed the value 'd' given by the formula:

 $d = [(0.6 \times V)/P^{0.5}]^{0.5}$ 

or if the volume of the room exceeds the value of 'V' given by the formula:

 $V = 7.72 d^2 P^{0.5}$ 

where:

- d = breather vent orifice diameter (mm).
- P = inlet pressure to the vented device (kPa).
- V = volume of the room or enclosure housing the *regulator* (m<sup>3</sup>).

## 5.0 Another Acceptable Solution

**5.0.1** NZS 5261: Part 2 is another Acceptable Solution for Paragraphs 1.0 to 4.0.

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| Table 5:   |    | <b>e Diameters a</b><br>h 4.0.1 c) ii) | nd Lengths f | or Vented S | afety Shut-of                            | f Systems |     |     |
|--|----|--|--------------|-------------|--|-----------|-----|-----|
| Minimum<br>nominal<br>diameter<br>of vent<br>valve |    |  |              |             | <b>ngth in metre</b><br>r of vent line ( |           |     |     |
| (mm)   | 15 | 20                                     | 25           | 32          | 40                                       | 50        | 65  | 80  |
| 6  | 60 | 160                                    | 400          |             |  |           |     |     |
| 8  | 30 | 80                                     | 200          |             |  |           |     |     |
| 10   | 15 | 40                                     | 100          |             |  |           |     |     |
| 15   | 8  | 20                                     | 50           |             |  |           |     |     |
| 20   |    | 10                                     | 25           | 64          |  |           |     |     |
| 25   |    |  | 13           | 32          | 80                                       |           |     |     |
| 32   |    |  |              | 16          | 40                                       | 100       |     |     |
| 40   |    |  |              |             | 20                                       | 50        | 130 |     |
| 50   |    |  |              |             |  | 25        | 65  | 160 |

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