



# GUIDANCE NOTICE

## Carriage of Harmful Substances in Packaged Form on Domestic Commercial Vessels

All ships, including Domestic Commercial Vessels (DCVs), carrying harmful substances in packaged form must comply with regulations 1 to 6 inclusive of Annex III of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships. That obligation is imposed by State and Northern Territory law or, in the absence of State or Northern Territory law giving effect to regulations 1 to 6 of Annex III, by the *Navigation Act 2012* (Cth). Harmful substances are those identified as 'marine pollutants' in the IMDG code or in accordance with the appendix to Annex III of MARPOL. Therefore:

- Packages containing harmful substances on a DCV must be adequate to minimize the hazard to the marine environment, having regard to their specific contents.
- Packages containing a harmful substance on a DCV must be durably marked or labelled to indicate that the substance is a harmful substance in accordance with the relevant provisions of the IMDG Code.
- The method of affixing marks or labels on packages containing a harmful substance on a DCV must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the IMDG Code.
- Transport information relating to the carriage of harmful substances must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the IMDG Code and must be made available to AMSA.
- Each DCV carrying harmful substances must have a special list, manifest or stowage plan setting out, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the IMDG Code, the harmful substances on board and their location. A copy of one of these documents must be made available before departure to AMSA.

**Note:** The IMDG Code as currently in force is available from the IMO website at [www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org). Information about the IMDG Code as currently in force is available in a Marine Notice on AMSA's website at [www.amsa.gov.au](http://www.amsa.gov.au).