



GUIDANCE NOTICE

Vessels previously regulated under MO62

Most vessels previously categorised as Commonwealth Vessels under the *Navigation Act 1912* and regulated under MO62 will now be defined as Domestic Commercial Vessels under the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*. The exception to this will be those vessels that leave the Exclusive Economic Zone which will continue to be regulated under the *Navigation Act 2012*.

The purpose of this guidance note is to describe in general terms how these vessels will be treated under the National Law.

All current MO62 vessels previously regulated under MO62 will continue to operate under current arrangements until their Certificates expires.

Prior to the expiration of the existing Certificates each operator will need to approach their local delegate to apply for a Certificate of Operation. For an existing vessel operation, the Certificate of Operation will document any operating restrictions or special

requirements that have been previously agreed for that vessel. It will also reference any safety system presently applying to that vessel.

Under arrangements that have been established through extensive consultation, existing vessels may continue to operate under conditions previously agreed with State and Territory maritime safety regulators provided they do not move location or increase their risk of operation. New vessels must comply with commercial vessel standards agreed by Transport Ministers – the National Standard for Commercial Vessels. These arrangements are outlined in the Regulatory Plan. The regulatory plan can be found at www.amsa.gov.au.

Where a fleet operates nationally, the relevant government agency is encouraged to approach a delegate of the National Regulator in the State or Territory of operation prior to the Certificate expiring to discuss appropriate arrangements.

A list of delegates is available on the AMSA website.