



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

AMSA EX15

**Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities)
Exemption 2017**

I, Gary Prosser, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (the National Marine Safety Regulator under section 9 of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*), make this instrument under subsection 143(1) of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*.

12 December 2017

Gary Prosser
Acting Chief Executive Officer

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is *Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption 2017*.

2 Duration

This instrument:

- (a) commences on 1 February 2018; and
- (b) ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2020.

3 Repeal and transitional matters

- (1) *Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption 2015* made on 12 January 2015 is repealed.
- (2) A person may conduct until the end of 30 January 2020 a specified operation approved in writing under *Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption 2013* if:
 - (a) the person was permitted under section 7 of *Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption 2015* to continue to carry out the specified operation; and
 - (b) the specified operation is conducted in accordance with the approval.

4 Definitions — the dictionary

A definition in the dictionary applies to each use of the word or expression in this instrument.

Note The dictionary is located at the end of the instrument.

5 Exemption

A person is exempt from the requirement to hold a certificate of competency that would be required for a specified operation if:

- (a) the master of the vessel is at least 16 years old; and
- (b) the master of the vessel holds any licence that would be required to operate the vessel recreationally in the waters where the person carries out the specified operation and complies with the conditions of the licence; and
- (c) the vessel carries only employees of the owner of the vessel and special personnel.

6 Condition

The person may carry out the specified operation only in:

- (a) the Great Barrier Reef Region; or
- (b) the Torres Strait zone; or
- (c) in smooth or partially smooth waters, as defined in NSCV Part B; or
- (d) other waters approved for the specified operation by the National Regulator.

Dictionary

(section 4)

Great Barrier Reef Region has the same meaning as in section 3 of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law — see Schedule 1 to the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*.

special personnel has the same meaning as in NSCV Part B.

specified operation, for a domestic commercial vessel, means the use of a vessel up to 7.5 m long for scientific research or educational activities of a scientific research or educational organisation.

Torres Strait zone has the same meaning as in Schedule 14 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004* (Qld).