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National Standard for Commercial Vessels

Omnibus amendments instrument No 1, 2022 for:

Part B – General requirements

Part C - Design and construction

- **Section C6 - Stability**
 - **Sub-section C6B - Buoyancy and stability after flooding**
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Part F: Special vessels

- **Sub-section F1A - General requirements for fast craft**
- **Sub-section F1C - Category F2 fast craft**

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1 Name of instrument

This is the National Standard for Commercial Vessels, Omnibus Amendments instrument No. 1, 2022.

2 Commencement

The amended editions of the standards listed below commence on 1 January 2023.

3 Amendments

The following National Standards for Commercial Vessels (NSCV) will be amended in accordance with details described in this instrument as per table 1.

Table 1 – summary of amendments and edition numbers

NSCV edition #	Clauses amended	New edition #	Amendment details described in
Part B, Ed 2.3	1.6 (c)	2.4	Schedule 1
Part C, Sub-section C6B, Ed 1.3	1.4, J3.1	1.4	Schedule 2
Part C, Sub-section C6C, Ed 2.3	1.4, 2.8 (b), 5.4.6.2, M31	2.4	Schedule 3
Part C, Sub-section C7A, Ed 3.8	1.4, H11	3.9	Schedule 4
Part C, Sub-section C7B, Ed 1.5	1.4, 7.3	1.6	Schedule 5
Part C, Sub-section C7C, Ed 1.3	1.4	1.4	Schedule 6

Part F, Sub-section F1A, Ed 1.2	1.4	1.3	Schedule 7
Part F, Sub-section F1C, Ed 1.4	1.1, 1.10, 4.2	1.5	Schedule 8

Schedule 1 - Amendment to NSCV Part B – General requirements

[1] In clause 1.6 Meeting the required outcomes, (c):

Replace:

“the vessel meets an equivalent means of compliance approved by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority under:

(i) section 1.6 of NSCV Part B, as in force on 31 December 2017; or

(ii) section 3.4 of NSCV Part E, as in force on 9 June 2016.”

With:

“the vessel meets an equivalent means of compliance approved by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority under the NSCV in force prior to 1 January 2018.

NOTE 1: This ensures that equivalent means of compliance approved under earlier versions of the NSCV continue to be recognised.”

Schedule 2 - Amendment to NSCV Part C - Design and construction, Section C6 - Stability, Sub-section C6B – Buoyancy and stability after flooding

[1] In clause 1.4 Referenced Documents:

Remove

“Part D—Crew Competencies”, and

“Part E—Operations”.

Add

“Marine Order 505 – (Certificates of Competency – National Law) 2022 (Marine Order 505).

[2] In clause J3.1 Information to be aimed at competence of user:

Substitute “Part D of this standard” here:

“The information shall be kept concise and in a form readily understood by persons having competencies corresponding to the minimum levels prescribed by Part D of this standard”

with

“The information shall be kept concise and in a form readily understood by persons having competencies corresponding to the minimum levels prescribed by Marine Order 505”

Schedule 3 - Amendment to NSCV Part C - Design and construction, Section C6 - Stability, Sub-section C6C – Stability tests and stability information

[1] In clause 1.4 Referenced Documents:

Remove

“Part D—Crew Competencies.”

Add

“Marine Order 505 – (Certificates of Competency – National Law) 2022 (Marine Order 505).”

[2] In clause 2.8 Stability information to be suitable for use by the operator (b):

Replace “see NSCV Part D” here:

“in a form easily understood by the persons responsible for maintaining the stability of the vessel, taking into account their required levels of competence, (see NSCV Part D).”

With

“in a form easily understood by the persons responsible for maintaining the stability of the vessel, taking into account the required level of competence for a person in command of a vessel of that length (see Marine Order 505).”

[3] In clause 5.4.6.2 Abbreviated stability calculation methods note:

Replace

“NOTE: Competencies specified for Master 4, Master 5, Skipper 2, Skipper 3 and Coxswain deck officers do not require them to verify stability by calculating a comprehensive loading condition, refer to NSCV Part D.”

With

“NOTE: Competencies specified for deck officers holding a Master 45m NC or lower grade of Certificate of Competency do not require them to verify stability by calculating a comprehensive loading condition, refer to Marine Order 505.”

[4] In clause M3.1 Information be aimed at competence of user:

Substitute “NSCV Part D” here:

“The Information relevant to buoyancy and stability after flooding provided to the operator shall be kept concise and in a form readily understood by persons having competencies corresponding to the minimum levels prescribed by Part D of this standard.”

with

“The Information relevant to buoyancy and stability after flooding provided to the operator shall be kept concise and in a form readily understood by persons having competencies corresponding to the minimum levels prescribed by Marine Order 505.”

Schedule 4 - Amendment to NSCV Part C - Design and construction, Section C7 - Equipment, Sub-section C7A – Safety equipment

[1] In clause 1.4 Referenced Documents:

Remove

“Part D—Crew Competencies.”

Add

“Marine Order 505 – (Certificates of Competency – National Law) 2022 (Marine Order 505).”

[2] In clause H11 First Aid Training:

Substitute “NSCV Part D” here:

“Persons administering first aid should possess as a minimum a current first aid qualification in accordance with NSCV Part D.”

with

“Persons administering first aid should possess as a minimum a current first aid qualification in accordance with Marine Order 505.”

Schedule 5 - Amendment to NSCV Part C - Design and construction, Section C7 - Equipment, Sub-section C7B – Communications equipment

[1] In clause 1.4 Referenced Documents:

Remove

“Part D-Crew Competencies.”

Add

“Marine Order 505 – (Certificates of Competency – National Law) 2022 (Marine Order 505).”

[2] In clause 7.3 Qualifications of Operators:

Substitute “NSCV Part D” here:

“The radiotelephony and satellite equipment in each vessel shall be operated by those persons holding radio operator qualifications in accordance with NSCV Part D, specific to the type of equipment installed on the vessel.”

with

“The radiotelephony and satellite equipment in each vessel shall be operated by those persons holding radio operator qualifications in accordance with Marine Order 505, specific to the type of equipment installed on the vessel.”

Schedule 6 - Amendment to NSCV Part C - Design and construction, Section C7 - Equipment, Sub-section C7C – Navigation equipment

[1] In clause 1.4 Referenced Documents:

Remove

“Part D—Crew Competencies.”

**Schedule 7 - Amendment to NSCV Part F – Special vessels, Section F1 –
Fast Craft, Sub-section F1A – General requirements for fast craft**

[1] In clause 1.4 Referenced Documents:

Remove

“Part D—Crewing”, and

“Part E—Operations”.

Schedule 8 - Amendment to NSCV Part F – Special vessels, Section F1 – Fast Craft, Sub-section F1C – Category F2 fast craft

[1] In clause 1.1 Scope:

Substitute “Part D” here:

“This Subsection of the NSCV specifies requirements for the design, construction and operation of Category F2 fast craft that are additional to the requirements specified in Parts C and D.”

With

“This Subsection of the NSCV specifies requirements for the design, construction and operation of Category F2 fast craft that are additional to the requirements specified in Parts C and Marine Order 505.”

[2] In clause 1.1 Scope (c):

Replace

“Part D-Crewing and Competencies”

With

“Deleted as part of NSCV Omnibus amendments instrument No.1, 2022”

[3] In clause 1.10 Referenced documents:

Add

“Marine Order 505 – (Certificates of Competency – National Law) 2022 (Marine Order 505).”

[4] In clause 4.2 Part D of the NSCV:

Replace the title

“PART D OF THE NSCV”

With

“Crewing”

[5] In clause 4.2 Part D of the NSCV:

Replace

“The crew of a Category F2 fast craft shall comply with Part D of this Standard.”

With

“the crewing of a Category F2 fast craft shall comply with the standards in the chapter.

NOTE: See 1.1 Scope: which requires compliance with this chapter in addition to the relevant requirements in Marine Order 505”.