



Marine Order 15 (Construction — fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction) 2014

CERTIFICATE OF EQUIVALENCE

Issued under the provisions of
Marine Order 15 (Construction — fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction) 2014 Division 2 Section 10
Under the authority of the Government of Australia by the
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Pursuant to Section 10 - Equivalents, subsection 10(2) of Marine Order 15 (Construction — fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction) 2014, I, the undersigned Alex Schultz-Altman, in accordance with subsection 10(2)(b)(ii) in lieu of the requirement under section 12 (1)(a) that Non-SOLAS Ships must comply with the relevant standards for fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction set out in the USL Code¹ accept the use of:

- a) SOLAS Chapter II-2 Reg.9 2.3.3 (Table 9.5 - Fire integrity of bulkheads separating adjacent spaces), and
- b) SOLAS Chapter II-2 Reg.9 2.3.3 (Table 9.6 - Fire integrity of decks separating adjacent space)

As being equivalent to the prescribed use of the National Standards for Commercial Vessels requirements in Part C – Design and Construction, Section 4 Fire Safety, Subsection 3.7 Structural Fire Protection, Tables 7, 8 and 9 for **AMSA USL Class 2** vessels and **AMSA USL Class 3A** vessels in respect of the maintenance of fire integrity of bulkheads and decks. Reference to A-0 class divisions in SOLAS is as defined in:

International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures (FTP Code) Annex 2 – Products which may be installed without testing and/or approval Section 3 – “A”, “B” and “F” Class Divisions sub section 3.1.

This equivalence supersedes EQ13-112 which is now withdrawn.

This certificate is only applicable to **AMSA USL Class 2, Non-SOLAS vessels** and **USL Class 3A vessels** to which Marine Order 15 (Construction — fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction) 2014 applies until the **1st of January 2018**, the next amendment or re-issue of Marine Order 15, or if amended by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority which-ever is sooner.

Issued at **CANBERRA**, the **6th** day of **March 2015**.

Signature.....

Alex Schultz-Altman

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Note 1: *USL Code (2008)*, which replaces USL Code Section 11 (Fire Appliances) with NSCV Part C Section 4 (Fire Safety), came into operation on 1 October 2008. Therefore, a ship constructed on or after 1 October 2008 is to comply with NSCV Part C Section 4 while a ship constructed before 1 October 2008 is to comply with the pre-2008 USL Code, unless the ship is upgraded in service or is subject to initial survey.

