



## Consultation Feedback Report

### Marine Order 63 (Vessel reporting systems) 2019

#### Outline

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has reissued *Marine Order 63 (Vessel reporting systems) 2019*, which is now available on the AMSA website. The commencement date of the Amendment Order is 1 January 2020.

The new Marine Order addresses the following:

- Gives effect to IMO resolution MSC.436(99), ending Inmarsat's monopoly on the provision of mobile satellite services within the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). References to Inmarsat have been replaced, where appropriate, with 'recognised mobile satellite service' to give effect to MSC.436(99) as of 1 January 2020.
- Mandatory reporting requirements have been simplified by removing the designated Mandatory Reporting Points in the REEFREP area. Following the implementation of AIS as the primary source of position reporting in the area, they are no longer required operationally. Position reports must now be sent automatically, using AIS.
- The Pre-Entry Report, prescribed in Schedule 4, is renamed the Entry Report. Consequential amendments to the Order are made where necessary, including a revision of the information required in each report prescribed.

#### Consultation Feedback

A copy of the draft Order was placed on the AMSA website for public comment for four weeks commencing 4th September 2019 and closing on 2nd October 2019. It was also emailed to over 160 stakeholders including vessel traffic management service providers, pilotage providers, ship operators, recognised organisations, training organisations, industry peak bodies and various government departments and agencies.

Comments were received from two industry stakeholders, which are tabled below, together with AMSA's responses.

## Marine Order 63 – General

Comment	<p>We do not see any issues associated with these proposed changes.</p> <p>The only comments that we would like to make are:</p> <p>This information needs to be promulgated to the wider marine fraternity by appropriate amendments to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Admiralty List of Radio Signals (this is the prime book of reference for visiting ships to Australia)</li><li>• The Australian Seafarers Handbook</li></ul> <p>We say that because this wider promulgation has not always happened in the past when changes were made to the REEFVTS reporting procedures and this created some confusion and angst.</p>
AMSA's response	<p>AMSA thanks you for your submission and your comments have been noted.</p>
Comment	<p>Please note that we have no specific comments.</p>
AMSA's response	<p>Thank you for your response.</p>