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Part B – General requirements

Part C – Design and construction

- **Section C7 – Equipment**
 - **Sub-section C7C – Navigation equipment**

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1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels, Miscellaneous amendments – Amendment 2024, No.1*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 September 2025.

3 Amendments—National Standards for Commercial Vessel

The following standards are amended in accordance with the Schedules to this instrument.

| NSCV edition # | Clauses affected |
|---|-------------------------|
| Part B, Ed 2.6 | 1.6, 1.7 and Dictionary |
| Part C, Section C7, Sub-section C7C, Ed 1.4 | 4.4 |

Schedule 1 NSCV Part B – General requirements

[1] Clause 1.6 Meeting the Required Outcomes

Substitute

1.6 Meeting the NSCV including the required outcomes

- (1) *A new edition of a Part, Section or Subsection of the NSCV applies to a vessel the keel of which is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction, on or after the date of commencement of the new edition.*
- (2) *However, the previous edition of a Part, Section or Subsection of the NSCV may be met as an alternate standard for 24 months from the commencement date of the new edition.*

Note Under legislation, a new edition of the equipment standards of the NSCV (such as NSCV C7A and others) may also apply to vessels on the commencement date of that standard. This has the effect of reducing the transitional period.

- (3) *A vessel is taken to meet a required outcome if:*
 - (a) *the deemed to satisfy solution that is specified for the required outcome is complied with; or*
 - (b) *the vessel meets any equivalent means of compliance that is approved by the National Regulator under Division 4 of Marine Order 503 (Certificates of survey – national law) 2018 as providing the same level of safety as the deemed to satisfy solution; or*
 - (c) *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 If the vessel has an approved equivalent means of compliance, the owner must ensure that the vessel also meets the other deemed to satisfy solutions mentioned in any Part, Section or Subsection of the NSCV that the approved equivalent means of compliance does not replace.

Note 2 This ensures that equivalent means of compliance approved under earlier versions of the Marine Orders continue to be recognised.

[2] Clause 1.7 References to standards

Omit

Unless otherwise provided, a national, regional, or international standard that is adopted or incorporated by reference in the NSCV is adopted or incorporated by reference as in force from time to time.

Insert

Unless the context provides otherwise, a standard that is adopted or incorporated by reference in the NSCV is a reference to the latest version of that standard.

[3] Dictionary

insert after definition of significant wave height

similar stage of construction, for a vessel, means the stage of construction at which:

- (a) construction identifiable with the particular vessel has begun; and*
- (b) a portion of the vessel has been fabricated and finally assembled, having a mass of not less than the lesser of:*
 - (i) 5 tonnes; or*
 - (ii) one per cent (1 per cent) of the estimated mass of all structural material of the vessel as proposed to be completed.*

Note Evidence of the stage of construction of the vessel at a specified date may include the contract for construction and the delivery date of the vessel.

Schedule 2 NSCV C7C – Navigation equipment

[1] Clause 4.4 NAVIGATION LIGHTS, SHAPES AND SOUND SIGNALS

Omit

The type and quantity of navigation lights, navigation shapes and sound signalling equipment to be fitted shall comply with the provisions of *Marine Order 30 (Prevention of collisions) 2016*.

Note: Marine Order 30 (Prevention of collisions) 2009 is the Australian implementation of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. This reference is to the performance requirements for navigation lights, navigation shapes and sound signalling equipment in accordance with *Marine Order 30 (Prevention of collisions) 2016*.

Insert

The performance standards for navigation lights, navigation shapes and sound signals are those mentioned in *Marine Order 30 (Prevention of Collisions) 2016*.

Note: Marine Order 30 implements COLREGs for regulated Australian vessels, domestic commercial vessels and recreational vessels that have Australian nationality, and foreign vessels when those kinds of vessels are situated in specified areas.