



Australian Government  
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

# NOTIFICATION OF LOADING, OR SAILING AFTER PARTIAL DISCHARGE, OF BULK GRAIN

*Marine Order 33 Cargo and Cargo Handling - Grain*

## GENERAL

Chapter VI of the SOLAS 1974 Convention, as amended, and Australian legislation (Marine Order 33 [Cargo and Cargo Handling – Grain]) require that ships intending to carry grain cargoes in bulk from Australian ports may be requested to demonstrate compliance with the International Grain Code.

SOLAS 1974 requires the cargo shipper to provide the Master or his representative with appropriate information on the cargo. Beyond this it is the Master's responsibility to ensure the proper stowage of the cargo in accordance with Marine Order 33.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS

This notification is required to be submitted to AMSA at least 72 hours prior to the vessels proposed commencement of loading.

In the case of intending to sail after partial discharge, a completed notification must be submitted to AMSA at least 24 hours prior to the anticipated time of sailing.

The master or Agent is required to submit the form to the nearest AMSA office of the port at which grain is to be loaded or partially discharged (see over).

A grain stability calculation using form AMSA 226, the 'Calculation of Stability for Ships Carrying Bulk Grain', must be completed by the ship and retained for inspection by an AMSA surveyor during an onboard inspection.

A separate form is required to be submitted for each Australian port. The master may lodge all the notifications to the relevant office prior to the first port of call or may lodge them individually to each appropriate office.

Strict adherence to the layout of this form is not necessary as long as the information required by it can be provided by alternate means.

A new form is required to be submitted to AMSA if there is any significant change in the loading plan.

The master must ensure their declaration is signed and dated before sending the notification to AMSA. Do not enter anything in the box marked 'To be Completed by the Surveyor'.

The surveyor will advise the master whether an inspection is required or not. This advice will be sent to the person who provided the notification and may be by e-mail, either with the notification attached (with the surveyor's advice completed), or by e-mail that includes the same advice in the body of the message.

## NOTES

AMSA applies the following provisions when assessing compliance with the Code:

1. AMSA does not accept "partly filled" compartments untrimmed, even if data for these is approved by the flag State Administration, as they are not provided for in the Code.
2. Some Australian grain loading terminals lack the facility to adequately trim the ends of filled compartments and masters must check the facilities at their load ports if they consider they need to trim the ends of any compartments in order to meet the required stability criteria.
3. AMSA cannot accept a compartment as being "filled" if the average ullage at the coaming exceeds the minimum required to accommodate the structure of hatch covers or 100mm, whichever is greater.
4. Untrimmed moments may only be used for filled compartments with the ends untrimmed.
5. In partly filled compartments AMSA accepts grain surfaces in which the height between the highest peaks and the lowest troughs in the compartment is not more than 1.0m as being "level" within the meaning of the Code and therefore trimmed to an acceptable level.
6. It is the responsibility of the Master to ensure that the cargo is trimmed as required by the Code - AMSA will not determine the method by which this is achieved.

# LODGEMENT OF GRAIN FORMS

For the purposes of Sections 13 and 15 of Marine Order 33 (Cargo and Cargo Handling – Grain), the Manager Ship Inspection and Registration has approved the following methods for lodgement:

## QUEENSLAND

### Brisbane

Mail: AMSA – Operations North  
PO Box 10790  
Adelaide Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000  
Fax: 07 3001 6801  
Email: [bneoperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:bneoperations@amsa.gov.au)

### Gladstone

Mail: AMSA – Operations North  
PO Box 297  
GLADSTONE QLD 4680  
Fax: 07 4972 3841  
Email: [gltoperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:gltoperations@amsa.gov.au)

### Mackay

Mail: AMSA – Operations North  
PO Box 42  
Mackay Post Office  
Sydney Street  
Mackay QLD 4740  
Fax: 07 4957 8450  
Email: [mkyoperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:mkyoperations@amsa.gov.au)

## VICTORIA and TASMANIA

### Melbourne;

### Geelong;

### Portland; and

### Tasmanian Ports

Mail: AMSA – Operations South  
PO Box 16001  
Collins Street West  
MELBOURNE VIC 8007  
Fax: 03 8612 6003  
Email: [mlboperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:mlboperations@amsa.gov.au)

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Port Adelaide;

### Port Lincoln;

### Port Pirie;

### Port Giles;

### Walleroo;

### Ardrossan; and

### Thevenard

Mail: AMSA – Operations South  
PO Box 3245  
Port Adelaide, SA 5015  
Fax: 08 8447 3855  
Email: [ADLOperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:ADLOperations@amsa.gov.au)

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### Port Kembla

Mail: AMSA – Operations East  
PO Box K976  
HAYMARKET NSW 1240  
Fax: 02 8918 1390  
Email: [sydoperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:sydoperations@amsa.gov.au)  
or  
Mail: AMSA – Operations East  
PO BOX 102  
Port Kembla NSW 2505  
Fax: 02 4274 7806  
Email: [sydoperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:sydoperations@amsa.gov.au)

### Newcastle

Mail: AMSA – Operations East  
PO Box 86  
CARRINGTON NSW 2294  
Fax: 02 4961 2694  
Email: [nsoperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:nsoperations@amsa.gov.au)

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### Geraldton;

### Kwinana;

### Bunbury;

### Esperance; and

### Albany

Mail: AMSA – Operations West  
PO Box 1332  
FREMANTLE WA 6959  
Fax: 08 9430 2121  
Email: [freoperations@amsa.gov.au](mailto:freoperations@amsa.gov.au)



**TO THE MASTER – To be Completed by the Surveyor**

1. **An inspection by an AMSA Surveyor is / is not\* required before the ship commences loading.**
2. If an inspection is required, additional evidence is to be available to demonstrate compliance with the International Grain Code (see AMSA 226).

\*delete as required.

Surveyor: *Signature* ..... *Name* ..... Date     /     /