



Marine Order 32

Focused inspection campaign outcome report

Campaign type: Port State control

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About the campaign

AMSA conducted a nationwide focused inspection campaign on Marine Order 32 from 30 March to 25 April 2026. The campaign assessed vessel cargo securing arrangements when loading, discharging or transiting through Australian ports.

Inspectors used a national checklist covering safe access to cargo spaces, the condition of cargo securing devices and officers' familiarity with the approved Cargo Securing Manual. AMSA completed 150 focused inspections, meeting the campaign target.

Results

- 150 focused inspections were carried out during the campaign.
- The campaign found a high level of compliance with the key Marine Order 32 cargo securing requirements covered by the checklist.
- 99.0% of applicable vessels inspected provided safe access to cargo spaces onboard.
- 98.0% of applicable vessels inspected had cargo securing devices in good condition, free from deformation, cracks or excessive wear.
- 100% of applicable vessels inspected had officers familiar with the contents of the approved Cargo Securing Manual, particularly stack weight limitations and weight distribution requirements.

Detailed findings

Inspection question	Yes	No	N/A	Total
Is safe access provided to cargo spaces onboard?	102 (99.0%)	1 (1.0%)	47	150
Are the cargo securing devices in good condition, free from deformation, cracks or excessive wear?	48 (98.0%)	1 (2.0%)	101	150
Are the officers familiar with the contents of the approved Cargo Securing Manual, particularly stack weight limitations for the tank top, hatch covers and deck loading, including weight distribution on stacks?	57 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	93	150

Where an inspection question did not apply to a vessel, the response was recorded as N/A.



Percentages for Yes and No responses were calculated using only the inspections to which the question applied, with N/A responses excluded from the percentage calculation.

Our continued focus

AMSA inspectors will continue to monitor cargo securing arrangements during inspections of applicable vessels, including safe access, the condition of securing equipment and officers' familiarity with approved cargo securing manuals.

Related information

- [Marine Order 32](#)
- [2025-26 National Compliance Plan](#)