



# **MARINE INFORMATION BULLETIN**

## **NATIONAL STANDARD FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

### **PURPOSE**

- This bulletin has been raised to bring to your attention the acceptance in Queensland of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels* (NSCV) requirements for medical supplies.

### **STANDARDS**

- The *Transport Operations (Marine Safety – Commercial Ships and Fishing Ships Miscellaneous Equipment) Standard 2006* requires that a commercial ship or fishing ship should be equipped:
  - in accordance with the USL code sections 12, 13 and 18; or
  - alternatively, to provide a level of safety at least equivalent to the level of safety under the USL code.
- Section 13 of the USL code covers miscellaneous equipment and requires that ships carry medicines and medical stores in accordance with the schedules of appendix L.
- Alternatively, NSCV C 7A annex H provides requirements for first aid, medical supplies and associated equipment on board vessels and includes requirements relating to inventories, labelling, packaging and expiry date, control of medicines and medical equipment and the construction, location and marking of medical cabinets and first aid kits.
- Maritime safety Queensland has deemed **Annex H – Requirements for medical supplies** of **NSCV C 7A Safety equipment** to provide a level of safety of at least the level of safety provided by the USL code.
- This means that operators who equip their ships with medical supplies complying with the requirements of annex H of NSCV C 7A are satisfying their safety obligations by providing a level of safety of at least the level of safety provided by the USL code.

- Operators choosing to equip their ships under the medical supplies requirements of NSCV C 7A should be aware that compliance with the whole of annex H is required and must make themselves familiar with all the requirements of the annex.

## **AVAILABILITY**

Published parts of the NSCV are available on the NMSC's website at [www.nmsc.gov.au](http://www.nmsc.gov.au).

## **Contact information**

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