



MARINE INFORMATION BULLETIN

National Standards for Commercial Vessels Currently Available for use in Queensland July 2008

PURPOSE

- This bulletin has been raised to bring to your attention the range of standards available for use in Queensland as a result of the flexibility allowed through the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety – Designing and Building Commercial Ships and Fishing Ships) Standard 2006*.
- This bulletin hopes to encourage you to use this flexibility to apply the most up to date national standards as they are ratified by the Australian Transport Council (ATC).

BACKGROUND

- The *National Standard for Commercial Vessels* (NSCV) is being developed to replace the *Uniform Shipping Laws* (USL) code.
- Maritime Safety Queensland introduced the following changes to encourage the use of the approved sections of the NSCV:
 - The *Transport Operations (Marine Safety – Designing and Building Commercial Ships and Fishing Ships) Standard 2006* came into force in March 2006. This standard allows designers and builders to use sections of the NSCV as soon as they are approved by the ATC. Maritime Safety Queensland alerts relevant stakeholders as soon as a section of the NSCV is approved by the ATC. Refer to various Marine Information Bulletins on the Maritime Safety Queensland website.
 - Maritime Safety Queensland put in place a blanket exemption to allow the application of the NSCV Part C Subsection 7A – Safety Equipment.
 - Maritime Safety Queensland recognises the *NSCV Part C Subsections 7B & D – Communication Equipment and Anchoring and Mooring Equipment* respectively, as at least equivalent to the relevant sections of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety – Commercial Ships and Fishing Ships Miscellaneous Equipment) Standard 2006*.
 - A blanket exemption is planned to allow the use of *NSCV C4 – Fire Safety* to determine the fire appliance requirements for vessels using this standard for passive fire protection measures.

APPROVED SECTIONS OF THE NSCV CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR USE IN QUEENSLAND

- The following approved sections of the NSCV are available for use in Queensland.

Table 1 – NSCV Sections Currently Available for Use in Queensland

NSCV	Alternative to a Section of USL code
NSCV C Section 3 – Construction	Section 5A, 5B, 5G, 5H, 5K, 5L and the part of section 5M that covers vessels built from plywood
NSCV C Section 4 – Fire Safety (If used, all chapters must apply)	Section 5F – Structural Fire Protection and Sections 12 and 22 – Fire Appliances (Exemption pending)
NSCV C Section 5 – Engineering 5A – Machinery 5B – Electrical 5C – LPG for Appliances 5D – LPG for Engines	Section 9 – Engineering
NSCV C Section 6A – Intact stability	Section 8 - Stability 8A Preliminary 8B - Simplified presentation of stability 8C - Stability criteria.
NSCV C Section 6C – Stability tests and stability information	Section 8: Stability 8A: Preliminary 8B: Simplified Presentation of Stability 8C: Stability Criteria
NSCV C Section 7A – Safety Equipment	Section 10 – Life Saving Appliances
NSCV C Section 7B – Communication Equipment	Section 12 – Radio Equipment
NSCV C Section 7D – Anchoring and Mooring Equipment	Section 13 - Miscellaneous equipment Appendix H - Anchors and cables Appendix I - Sea Anchors.
NSCV F Section 1A – Fast Craft General Requirements (Must be used after consultation with MSQ on a case by case basis)	Section 1 Part 4 Clause 8.6 – Referring to High Speed Craft
NSCV F Section 1B – Category F1 Fast Craft (Must be used after consultation with MSQ on a case by case basis)	Section 1 Part 4 Clause 8.6 – Referring to High Speed Craft
NSCV F Section 1C – Category F2 Fast Craft (Must be used after consultation with MSQ on a case by case basis)	Section 1 Part 4 Clause 8.6 – Referring to High Speed Craft

Maritime Safety Queensland MUST be consulted if you are considering the use of a combination of Standards for the one vessel.

APPROVED SECTIONS OF THE NSCV ACCEPTED IN OTHER STATES/TERRITORIES

- Owners/operators of commercial vessels that are designed to also operate in other States and the Northern Territory will find it useful to know how the completed sections of the NSCV are being applied by other jurisdictions.
- Specific cases should be checked with the other jurisdictions involved.
- As a general guide, a separate Marine Information Bulletin that details the upcoming Amendment Lists 5 & 6 to the Code may be of assistance. To access this Marine Information Bulletin visit Maritime Safety Queensland's website and look for the Marine Information Bulletin called Upcoming Amendments to the USL Code on 1 October 2008.

AVAILABILITY

- Published parts of the NSCV are available on the NMSC's website at www.nmsc.gov.au.

Contact information

If you require further information about this Marine Information Bulletin, please contact: 07 3120 7358 or msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au.

Other Marine Information Bulletins covering various topics relating to the safe operation of ships may be obtained from Maritime Safety Queensland's website at www.msq.qld.gov.au and from the following Marine Operations Centres.

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