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Dear commercial and fishing ship owner/operator

The Uniform Shipping Laws Code (USL), Section 15 – *Emergency Procedures and Safety of Navigation*, has changed.

This change affects the information that must be recorded in your ship's operating documents. All commercial and fishing ship owners must make the necessary changes to their ship's operating documents by 1 October 2010.

Maritime Safety Queensland invites you to participate in training workshops in February and March 2010 which will explain what the changes mean and help you to comply with the new operating requirements.

### Industry Workshops

Maritime Safety Queensland will provide industry workshops on the following dates and venues:

Day	Date	Centre	Time	Venue for Industry Training
Tuesday	02-Feb	Hervey Bay	6:00 – 9:00pm	VMR
Wednesday	03-Feb	Bundaberg	6:00 – 9:00pm	Bowls Club
Thursday	04-Feb	Gladstone	6:00 – 9:00pm	CQU - Marina
Tuesday	09-Feb	Mackay	6:30 – 9:00pm	VMR
Wednesday	10-Feb	Airlie	6:00 – 9:00pm	VMR
Thursday	11-Feb	Mooloolaba	6:00 – 9:00pm	Maroochydore RSL
Monday	22-Feb	Gold Coast	6:00 – 9:00pm	VMR
Wednesday	24-Feb	Brisbane	6:00 – 9:00pm	Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club
Tuesday	02-Mar	Townsville	6:00 – 9:00pm	Townsville Yacht Club
Wednesday	03 Mar	Cairns	6:00 – 9:00pm	Marine Operations Base
Thursday	04 Mar	Port Douglas	6:00 – 9:00pm	Quicksilver

These workshops are designed for ship owners/operators of all registrable ships in Queensland, as well as their master and crew. So multiple attendees from your ship are encouraged. If possible, please bring a copy of your Ship's Operating Documents to the workshop.

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To register your interest and save your place at the workshop please call your regional or area Maritime Safety Queensland office on the numbers below.

### **Model Operating Documents**

A free copy of the Ships Operating Documents will be made available on the Maritime Safety Queensland website ([www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au)) in the new year. This revised publication will comply with the new rules but keeps the format of the previous version of the Ships Operating Documents to make it easier to update your existing documents.

### **Background on the National Standards for Commercial Vessels**

The USL Code is gradually being replaced by the National Standards for Commercial Vessels (NSCV).

Section 111 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004 (TOMSR)* requires ships to be operated in accordance with Section 15 of the USL Code. Part E – Operational Practices, of the NSCV has replaced Section 15 of the USL Code.

Sections 133 and 134 of *TOMSR* require particular manuals, plans, records and certificates to be completed for the ship and kept on board. The requirements for Part E must now be reflected in the manuals, plans and records.


### **Contact Details**

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Please also find enclosed for your information a Marine Information Bulletin regarding the new requirement to carry an exemption notification on board your ship. This will be relevant to ship owners who currently operate with a section 18A exemption for one or more requirements.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope you are able to attend the relevant workshop in your area.

Yours sincerely

  
Patrick Quirk  
**Acting General Manager**

## Marine Information Bulletin

### Carriage of notification for section 18A exemption

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#### Purpose

This bulletin has been published to advise that Maritime Safety Queensland has amended the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004* with regard to the carriage on board of any exemption notification applicable to a commercial or fishing ship.

#### Background

Section 18A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* provides that the general manager may exempt a person or ship from a provision of a regulation. If an application for exemption is successful a notification of exemption is gazetted and a copy of the notification of exemption is sent to the applicant. However, a recipient of an exemption had not been required to carry a copy of the notification of exemption on board the ship.

Previously shipping inspectors had no immediate way of determining whether an exemption had been granted to the owner or master of the ship or to the ship when checking for compliance with marine safety legislation.

#### New Requirements

The regulatory amendment requires that an operator carry a copy of a notification of exemption granted under section 18A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* on board the ship with the rest of the ship's other operating documentation required under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*.

The new changes will enable shipping inspectors to immediately establish whether or not an exemption from compliance with a provision of marine safety legislation has been granted to the owner or master of the ship or to the ship.

#### Information

For further information about this Marine Information Bulletin, email [msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au](mailto:msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au).

Other Marine Information Bulletins covering various topics relating to the safe operation of ships can be obtained from Maritime Safety Queensland's website [www.msq.qld.gov.au](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au) and from the following Maritime Safety Queensland regional offices:

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