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NATIONAL STANDARD FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS PART C SECTION 1 ARRANGEMENT, ACCOMMODATION AND PERSONAL SAFETY ISSUES PAPER

BACKGROUND

- On 17 March 2009 the National Marine Safety Committee (NMSC) released an issues paper for public comment on the National Standard for Commercial Vessels, Part C, Section 1 Arrangement, accommodation and personal safety (NSCV C 1).

ISSUES PAPER

- The NMSC is reviewing the relevant provisions contained within the current USL Code Subsection 5E, Subsection 5F, Section 6, Section 7, Section 9 and Section 18.
- An issues paper has been prepared to assist stakeholders to identify potential issues and to consider possible options for the new standard NSCV C 1.
- The issues paper related to **NSCV C 1 Accommodation, arrangement and personal safety** is available under "Have Your Say" on the NMSC website www.nmsc.gov.au.

COMMENTS SOUGHT

- The NMSC is seeking input from stakeholders on the current USL Code provisions and future directions for the standard **NSCV C 1 Accommodation, arrangement and personal safety** as applicable to Australian domestic commercial vessels prior to commencing the preparation of a draft standard for public comment.
- Issues raised by stakeholders will assist in ensuring that the new standard is as useful and as relevant as is practicable.
- Submissions are being sought on, though not limited to, the following issues:
 - errors within the current USL Code;
 - problems of application or interpretation of the current USL Code;
 - obsolete or redundant provisions in the current USL Code;
 - improvements to the current USL Code provisions;

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- other applicable national or international standards that may be relevant to the material covered by the current USL Code;
 - safety issues that have not been addressed or are not adequately addressed in the current USL Code;
 - technological changes in the design, construction and operation of vessels that should be addressed in the revised standards for accommodation, arrangement and personal safety;
 - comments on the material and recommendations contained within the paper.
- Persons involved in the marine industry are invited to comment to the NMSC on the issues paper. Information concerning the submission of feedback, including the appropriate form, is available under "Have Your Say" on the NMSC website www.nmsc.gov.au.
 - Maritime Safety Queensland asks that a copy of comments by Queensland stakeholders submitted to the NMSC be sent to msqmail@msq.qld.gov.au so that we can best represent Queensland's views in relevant forums.
 - Please note that the closing date for comments is 15 May 2009.

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