

Summary of differences of the Uniform Shipping Laws Code between 2008 and 2009

Purpose

The purpose of this document and its attachments is to highlight specific changes to the Uniform Shipping Laws Code that must now be applied under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004* to:

- new vessels
- existing vessels seeking initial registration
- existing vessels applying for a change in service category
- existing ships that are not seeking a change in service category but are completing further building which involves new or increased risks to the ship or persons onboard.

Background

On 1 October 2008 the following sections of the Uniform Shipping Laws Code were changed by amendment list 6:

- Fast Craft (new section)
- Operational Areas and Classification of Vessels (section 2)
- Fire Safety (section 5F and section 11)
- Engineering (section 9)
- Safety Equipment (section 10) deferred in Queensland to 1 June 2009.

On 1 October 2009 the following further changes to the Uniform Shipping Laws Code were changed by amendment list 7:

- Construction (section 5)
- Stability (section 8)
- Radio Equipment (section 12)
- Miscellaneous Equipment (section 13)
- Emergency Procedures and Safety of Navigation (section 15).

Sections of the Uniform Shipping Law Code are applied in Queensland by the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*.

The *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004* also applies other requirements and is the over-arching legislation for regulation of vessels and vessel operations. Care must be taken to apply the Uniform Shipping Laws Code, as dictated by the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*.

Requirements

The attached documents relate to each of the affected areas of the Uniform Shipping Law Code. The tables highlight the new requirements that differ from the old Uniform Shipping Laws Code.

The tables are guides only and are provided to assist accredited persons, ship builders, Maritime Safety Queensland staff and other stakeholders, to understand the changes. However, all stakeholders must gain a thorough knowledge of the amended standards as they apply them to their work.

Electronic copies of the tables are available on the Maritime Safety Queensland website www.msq.qld.gov.au.

Information

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