



MARINE INFORMATION BULLETIN

Invitation for public comment on the draft standard and draft RIS of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels Part C Design and Construction, Subsection C - Navigation Equipment*

Background

On 5 December 2007 the National Marine Safety Committee (NMSC) released a draft for public comment of the National Standard for Commercial Vessels Part C Subsection 7C – Navigation equipment (NSCV C 7C). An accompanying draft regulatory impact statement (RIS) has also been released.

Comments sought

NSCV C 7C – Navigation equipment will replace those provisions of **Section 13 – Miscellaneous Equipment** of the Uniform Shipping Laws Code related to navigation equipment.

Navigation equipment includes the suite of equipment, books, logs, charts and publications needed to navigate the vessel safely having regard to voyage planning, position fixing and collision avoidance and pilotage. This subsection of the NSCV specifies requirements for the design, manufacture, installation, operation, and scale of navigation equipment to be carried on vessels and also considers the layout, configuration and installation of that equipment.

The RIS discusses issues arising from the draft standard, including estimated costs and benefits and the alternatives to the requirements proposed in the draft standard.

The draft of **NSCV C 7C – Navigation equipment** and the associated RIS are available under "Have Your Say" on the NMSC website www.nmsc.gov.au.

Persons involved in the marine industry are invited to comment to the NMSC on the draft standard and RIS. Maritime Safety Queensland asks that a copy of comments submitted to the NMSC be sent to msgmail@msg.qld.gov.au.

Please note that the closing date for comments is 5 March 2008.

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