

# NATIONAL MARINE SAFETY COMMITTEE

## AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM SHIPPING LAWS CODE

### Amendment List 5 — October 2007

This list contains amendments adopted by the Australian Transport Council to the various Sections of the *Uniform Shipping Laws Code (USL Code)*.

These amendments have been introduced to implement the provisions of those parts of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV)* that have been approved by the Australian Transport Council, excluding Parts A, D and E of the NSCV, by cross-reference by the following amendments:

- Amendment to Section 1: *Introduction, Definitions and General Requirements*
- Amendment to Section 5, *Construction*, Sub-Section F, *Structural Fire Protection*
- Amendment to Section 9, *Engineering*
- Amendment to Section 10, *Life-Saving Appliances*
- Amendment to Section 11, *Fire Appliances*
- Amendment (in part) to Section 13, *Miscellaneous Equipment*

These amendments are applicable from the time of approval; however they will not supersede the parts of the USL Code they amend for a period of 12 months after the date of approval. The superseded parts of the USL Code will continue to be made available as “available superseded” standards for use with commercial vessels put into service before the final application date of these amendments (1 October 2008).

Amendment List 5 to the USL Code has been endorsed by, and is applicable in, the following Australian jurisdictions: Commonwealth, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia.

**NOTE:** It is anticipated that Amendment List 5 to the USL Code will be implemented in Queensland and South Australia later in 2007 via a proposed Amendment List 6 to the USL Code.

**TEXT IN BOLD CAPITALS CONTAINS INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE TO BE APPLIED TO THE REFERENCED TEXT.**

The Australian Transport Council acknowledges the work of the National Marine Safety Committee in developing these amendments and the parts of the NSCV referred therein.

## **Section 1: *Introduction, Definitions and General Requirements***

### **SECTION 1 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **PREFACE TABLE OF CONTENTS PART 5**

No change

#### **PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**

**ADD** the following new Clause:

- 2a. Where Parts, Sections, Subsections and Chapters of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV)*
- have been adopted by Amendment List 5, and
  - reference Parts, Sections, Subsections and Chapters of the NSCV which have not been adopted by Amendment List 5,
- such references should be replaced by the equivalent Sections, Sub-Sections, Parts and Clauses of the USL Code.

#### **PART 2 – DEFINITIONS**

1. **ADD** the following second paragraph to Clause 3:

For Section 1, Section 5 Sub-Section F, Section 9, Section 10, Section 11, and Section 13 the definitions of –

- a) Clause 4 of this Section of this USL Code do not apply, and
  - b) Clause 1.8 of Part B of the NSCV (that replaces Parts 3 and 4) apply.
2. **REPLACE** the definition for *Measured Length* with the definition of *length* from Clause 1.8 of Part B of the NSCV (that replaces Parts 3 and 4).

#### **PART 3 – OPERATIONAL AREAS AND CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS**

#### **PART 4 – GENERAL (Excluding Clause 8.6)**

1. **REPLACE** Parts 3 and 4, excluding Clause 8.6 of Part 4, by the following part of the NSCV:

#### **Part B, General Requirements**

2. **ADD** as Note 2 to Table 2 of the referenced NSCV Part B the following:

**NOTE:**

2. In all parts of this USL Code, other than in Section 1, Section 5 Sub-Section F, Section 9, Section 10, Section 11, and Section 13, ‘Hire and Drive Vessels’ are classified as Class 1F.
3. **ADD** as Notes 1 and 2 to Table 4 of the referenced NSCV Part B the following:

**NOTES:**

1. In all parts of this USL Code, other than in Section 1, Section 5 Sub-Section F, Section 9, Section 10, Section 11, and Section 13, ‘Hire and Drive Vessels’ are classified as Class 1F.
2. State and Territory Authorities may deem ‘Hire and Drive’ vessels in Service Categories 4C, 4D and 4E to be Class 1F vessels.

**PART 4 – GENERAL, Clause 8.6 (As added in Amendment List 2 – March 1996)**

1. **REPLACE** Section 1 Part 4 Clause 8.6 by the following parts of the NSCV:

**Part F, Special Vessels**  
**Section 1, Fast Craft**  
**Subsection A, General Requirements**  
**Subsection B, Category F1 Fast Craft**

**APPENDIX A**

1. **REPLACE** Appendix A by the following part of the NSCV:

**Part B, General Requirements**  
**Annex A, Methods for Establishing Measured Length**

(that replaces Parts 3 and 4 of Section 1 of the USL Code).

**Section 5, Construction, Sub-Section F, Structural Fire Protection**

**SECTION 5 SUB-SECTION F IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **REPLACE** Section 5 Sub-Section F by the following part of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels* (NSCV):

**Part C, Design and Construction  
Section 4, Fire Safety**

2. **ADD** the following notes to Clause 1.1, *Scope*, of the referenced NSCV Part C Section 4:

**NOTES:**

1. NSCV Part C Section 4 includes the requirements to cover both
  - Section 5, *Construction*, Sub-Section F, *Structural Fire Protection*, and
  - Section 11, *Fire Appliances*.
2. Only those parts of NSCV Part C Section 4 covering structural fire protection (passive fire protection measures) are applicable to this Section of the USL Code.

**Section 9, *Engineering***

**SECTION 9 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **REPLACE** Section 9 by the following parts of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels*:

**Part C, Design and Construction**

**Section 5, Engineering**

**Subsection 5A, Machinery**

**Subsection 5B, Electrical**

**Subsection 5C, LPG for Appliances**

**Subsection 5D, LPG for Engines**

**Section 10, *Life-Saving Appliances***

**SECTION 10 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **REPLACE** Section 10 by the following part of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels* (NSCV):

**Part C, Design and Construction  
Section 7, Equipment  
Subsection 7A, Safety Equipment**

2. **ADD** the following note to Clause 1.1, *Scope*, of the referenced NSCV Part C Section 7 Subsection 7A:

**NOTE:** Part C Section 7 Subsection 7A of the NSCV includes the requirements to cover both:

- Section 10, *Life Saving Appliances*, and
- those parts of Section 13 which also impose safety equipment obligations.

**Section 11, *Fire Appliances***

**SECTION 11 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **REPLACE** Section 11 by the following part of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels* (NSCV):

**Part C, Design and Construction  
Section 4, Fire Safety**

2. **ADD** the following notes to Clause 1.1, *Scope*, of the referenced NSCV Part C Section 4:

**NOTES:**

1. NSCV Part C Section 4 includes the requirements to cover both:
  - Section 5, *Construction*, Sub-Section F, *Structural Fire Protection*, and
  - Section 11, *Fire Appliances*.
2. Only those parts of NSCV Part C Section 4 covering fire appliances (active fire protection measures) are applicable to this Section of the USL Code.

**Section 13, *Miscellaneous Equipment***

**SECTION 13 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **REPLACE** the relevant parts of Section 13 by the following part of the *National Standard for Commercial Vessels* (NSCV):

**Part C, Design and Construction**  
**Section 7, Equipment**  
**Subsection 7A, Safety Equipment**

2. **ADD** the following notes to Clause 1.1, *Scope*, of the referenced NSCV Part C Section 7 Subsection 7A:

**NOTES:**

1. Part C Section 7 Subsection 7A of the NSCV also covers safety equipment that is covered in Section 10 of the USL Code.
2. Only those parts of NSCV Part C Section 7 Subsection 7A previously covered in Section 13 are applicable to this Section of the USL Code.