

Marine Information Bulletin

National Standard for Commercial Vessels Section 6B: Buoyancy and stability after flooding — approved for use in Queensland

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to highlight that the National Standard for Commercial Vessels, Part C Construction, section 6 subsection 6B (NSCV C6B) - Buoyancy and Stability after Flooding standard has been endorsed by the Australian Transport Council and is available for use in Queensland.

The NSCV C6B - Buoyancy and Stability after Flooding standard deals with the minimum requirements for buoyancy and stability of vessels after damage or flooding. Level flotation criteria in chapter 8, clause 8.7 of the subsection are to be applied when the internal buoyancy specified in NSCV Part C section 7 subsection, 7A Safety Equipment is to be fitted.

Background

The *Transport Operations (Marine Safety – Designing and Building Commercial Ships and Fishing Ships) Standard 2006* permits the use of a NSCV standard as a prescriptive solution when it has been endorsed by the Australian Transport Council and published by the National Marine Safety Committee.

On 1 October 2010 the Uniform Shipping Laws Code will be changed by Amendment List 8. Amendment List 8 will bring into effect NSCV C6B – Buoyancy and Stability after Flooding.

Requirements

The new standard shall be applied to:

- new vessels
- existing vessels seeking initial commercial registration
- existing vessels applying for a change in service category which will subject the vessel or persons on the vessel to an increased risk
- existing ships completing further building which involves any new risks, or increases the risk to persons or the ship compared to the risks that were present prior to alteration.

Information

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