

Marine Information Bulletin

Carriage of notification for section 18A exemption

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Purpose

This bulletin has been published to advise that Maritime Safety Queensland has amended the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004* with regard to the carriage on board of any exemption notification applicable to a commercial or fishing ship.

Background

Section 18A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* provides that the general manager may exempt a person or ship from a provision of a regulation. If an application for exemption is successful a notification of exemption is gazetted and a copy of the notification of exemption is sent to the applicant. However, a recipient of an exemption had not been required to carry a copy of the notification of exemption on board the ship.

Previously shipping inspectors had no immediate way of determining whether an exemption had been granted to the owner or master of the ship or to the ship when checking for compliance with marine safety legislation.

New Requirements

The regulatory amendment requires that an operator carry a copy of a notification of exemption granted under section 18A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* on board the ship with the rest of the ship's other operating documentation required under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004*.

The new changes will enable shipping inspectors to immediately establish whether or not an exemption from compliance with a provision of marine safety legislation has been granted to the owner or master of the ship or to the ship.

Information

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