

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL VESSEL OWNERS/OPERATORS



[Navigational Safety Information broadcast 30 minutes earlier on HF radio](#)

Due to more detailed reporting from the Bureau of Meteorology, from December 1, 2014 it was necessary to change the broadcast times. A summary of the changes to Navigational Maritime Safety Information (MSI) broadcast times are below;

- The broadcast time of Navigational MSI will be shifted 30 minutes earlier, from 57 past the hour to 25 past the hour.
- The allocated time for Navigational MSI will be expanded from 3 minutes to 5 minutes.
- Dual broadcasts (25 and 57 past the hour) will occur from 1 December 2014 until 1 January 2015. From 1 January 2015, the new arrangements (25 past the hour) will take effect.

[Generic Exemption Solutions \(GES\)](#)

Two GES have recently been prepared off the back of the streamlining initiatives of the national system. Please click on the links below for more information.

- [GES 2014/03 - Small Craft - Stability and Buoyancy' \(AMSA514\)](#)
- [GES 2014/04 - Regulatory Requirements for Inflatable and Rigid Inflatable Boats \(AMSA533\)](#)

[Certificate of Survey Exemption](#)

AMSA has developed a temporary exemption from the National Law to combat the long wait times some operators were experiencing after completing their survey requirements. This exemption allows an attested surveyor who has found no safety issues with the vessel, to issue a document to the operator which allows them to go to sea without having to wait for a Certificate of Survey to be issued.



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Importantly, you are not required to make an application to get the exemption. It will automatically apply once the surveyor gives you the document, which must be kept on the vessel. AMSA hopes this exemption will assist stakeholders to operate safely and get on with their business.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the exemption.

[Information for surveyors](#)

Please note: *You must also have a Certificate of Operation (unless you are exempt) to qualify for this exemption.*

[Surveyor Accreditation Scheme](#)

The marine surveyor accreditation scheme ensures that people are competent to provide survey reports for domestic commercial vessels under the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012* (National Law).

AMSA will begin accepting applications for accreditation from 2 January 2015. More information can be found in the [Marine Surveyors Accreditation Guidance Manual 2014](#) that is available on the AMSA website.

[Statement of Regulatory Philosophy](#)

The streamlining review of the National System for Domestic Commercial Vessel Safety (National System) conducted earlier this year has emphasised the need for a unified approach to safety regulation.

A statement of regulatory philosophy has been developed to provide stakeholders with one coherent approach to marine safety regulation, one in which the amount of regulatory oversight reflects the level of risk posed by a particular operation. More info [here](#).



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