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AMSA Consults on Marine Order 55

Feedback is being sought on the draft of new Marine Order 55 (Vessels carrying industrial personnel) 2024, which contains mandatory requirements to ensure safe carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on cargo vessels and high-speed cargo crafts.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) is seeking feedback via the online consultation hub [form](#) by midnight on 14 April.

“Marine Order 55 gives effect to the new SOLAS [International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea] chapter XV and the associated International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (the IP Code),” stated the AMSA secretariat.

“The marine order addresses aspects of safety including stability, machinery and electrical installations, fire safety, life-saving appliances and arrangements, carriage of dangerous goods, training of industrial personnel and their transfer arrangements.”

Key requirements of Marine Order 55:

- to carry more than 12 IP, cargo vessels and high-speed cargo crafts of 500GT and upwards must be designed, constructed, surveyed and issued with an IP Safety Certificate under the IP Code
- vessels must be certified as a cargo ship or a high-speed cargo craft under either chapter I or chapter VIII or chapter X of SOLAS as applicable – this is a prerequisite to be issued with an IP Safety Certificate
- foreign-flagged vessels must comply with the requirements of chapter XV of SOLAS and the IP Code as applicable to them
- before boarding a vessel for transportation, industrial personnel will need to fulfil all relevant requirements including training

“Following public consultation, we will publish a consultation feedback report providing an overview of your feedback and how it shaped the subsequent final draft of the Marine Order 55.”

Marine Order 55 is expected to come into effect on 1 July 2024.

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