



MARINE ORDERS

Part 59

Offshore support vessel operations

Issue 1

Order No 10 of 1997

Pursuant to Section 425(1AA) of the *Navigation Act 1912*, I hereby make this Order issuing the attached Marine Orders, Part 59, Issue 1 to come into operation on 15 December 1997.

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Chief Executive
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1 Interpretation

In this Part:

- (a) headings and sub-headings are part of the Part;
- (b) each Appendix is part of the Part;
- (c) a note included in the text and printed in italics is not part of the Part.

2 Purpose

This Part, pursuant to sections 283D and 283E of the Navigation Act, makes provision for and in relation to:

- (a) the protection of the health and the security from injury of persons engaged in the loading or unloading of off-shore industry vessels and off-shore industry mobile units;
- (b) the safe navigation and operation of off-shore industry vessels and off-shore industry mobile units;
- (c) the safety of persons, including pilots, going on or coming from, or on board, off-shore industry vessels and off-shore industry mobile units.

3 Application

This Part applies to and in relation to all off-shore industry vessels and off-shore industry mobile units.

4 Offences

Provisions 5.1 and 5.2 are penal provisions.

Note: *Regulation 4 of the Navigation (Orders) Regulations provides:*

'4. A person who contravenes a provision of an order made under subsection 425(1AA) of the Act that is expressed to be a penal provision is guilty of an offence and is punishable, upon conviction:—

- (a) if the offender is a natural person—by a fine not exceeding \$2,000; or*
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—by a fine not exceeding \$5,000.'*

5 Arrangements on ships

5.1 Requirement for safe arrangements

The master of a ship must not permit off-shore support operations unless:

- (a) the owner or master has provided such arrangements, equipment, instructions and training as:
 - (i) are necessary and reasonable for operations in an emergency; and
 - (ii) are appropriate and reasonable for normal operations; and
- (b) the master is satisfied that:
 - (i) the equipment is maintained in working order and readily available for use; and
 - (ii) the specified training has been carried out.

Note: *Arrangements, equipment, instructions and training that comply with the Australian Offshore Support Vessel Code of Safe Working Practice, published by AMSA and available at any AMSA office, will be regarded as meeting the requirements of 5.1.*

5.2 Crew members' responsibility

Every crew member must:

- (a) carry out the instructions determined by the owner or master under 5.1; and
- (b) generally take such action as is reasonable to ensure that off-shore support operations are carried out safely.

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