

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992*

Issued by the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Employment Relations

#### **Notice of a Disallowable Instrument**

#### **Variation of Edition 2.1 of the Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment**

The purpose of the instrument to which this Explanatory Statement relates, is to approve the variation of Edition 2.1 of the Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment (the Guide), setting out the criteria by which the degree of permanent impairment and non-economic loss suffered by an injured employee shall be assessed for the purposes of the *Seafarers rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* (the Seafarers Act).

Section 428 of the Seafarers Act provides that the Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority may prepare a written document, to be called the “Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment” and may, from time to time, vary or revoke the approved Guide. In accordance with subsection 42(2), the instrument varies the Guide, to commence on 1 December 2011.

The instrument is a legislative instrument within the meaning of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The variation to Edition 2.1 corrects a typographical error that created ambiguity surrounding the implementation date of Edition 2.1.

Due to the minor nature of this legislative instrument, it has not been released for public consultation. However, the original instrument that this instrument varies, Edition 2.1, was released for consultation between 20 April 2011 and 13 May 2011.