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1 Name of Order

This Order is *Marine Order 502 (Vessel identifiers — national law) 2017*.

2 Application for unique identifier

For paragraph 76(1)(c) of the national law, an application for a unique identifier must be made in accordance with *Marine Order 501 (Administration — national law) 2023*.

Note 1 A fee may be charged — see section 9 of the National Law Act.

Note 2 For the definition of **unique identifier** see section 6 of the national law. **National law** and some other terms used in this Order are defined in *Marine Order 501 (Administration — national law) 2023*.

Note 3 An application for a unique identifier may be made at any time, including before or during the course of construction of a domestic commercial vessel.

3 Criterion for issue of unique identifier

For paragraph 77(1)(a) of the national law, the criterion for issue of a unique identifier is that the National Regulator has not previously issued a unique identifier for the vessel.

Note The National Regulator may issue a unique identifier for a domestic commercial vessel that holds an **old unique identifier** as defined in subsection 14(1) of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Regulation 2013*. This is because old unique identifiers are not issued by the National Regulator but by an agency of a State or the Northern Territory before 1 July 2013.

4 Display of unique identifier

- (1) For section 79 of the national law, a unique identifier must be displayed clearly and prominently on the vessel.
- (2) The unique identifier must be displayed within 21 days of being issued.
- (3) However, if application was made for the unique identifier before or during the course of construction of the vessel, the unique identifier must be displayed before the vessel is launched.

5 Permitted removal or alteration of unique identifier

A unique identifier may only be removed or altered if:

- (a) the owner has notified the National Regulator in writing that the vessel has ceased to be a domestic commercial vessel; or
- (b) an exemption from a requirement to display a unique identifier is in effect for the vessel.

6 Notification requirements

- (1) For paragraph 78(c) of the national law, the owner of a domestic commercial vessel that has a unique identifier must tell the National Regulator within 14 days of any of the following events:
 - (a) transfer of ownership of the vessel;
 - (b) sinking or scrapping of the vessel;
 - (c) the vessel ceases to be a domestic commercial vessel.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against subsection (1) is a strict liability offence.

Note If a form is approved for the notification, the approved form must be used and is available on the AMSA website at <http://www.amsa.gov.au> — see *Marine Order 501 (Administration — national law) 2023*.

Notes to *Marine Order 502 (Vessel identifiers — national law) 2017*

Note 1

Marine Order 502 (Vessel identifiers — national law) 2017 (in force under subsection 163(1) of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*) as shown in this compilation comprises *Marine Order 502 (Vessel identifiers — national law) 2017* amended as indicated in the following tables.

Table of Orders

Year and number	Registration date	FRLI number	Commencement date	Application, saving or transitional provisions
<i>Marine Order</i> (MO 2017/3)	26 June 2017	F2017L00753	1 July 2017	–
<i>Marine Orders Amendment (Marine Order 501— consequential changes) Order 2023</i> (MO 2023/4)	8 August 2023	F2023L01067	1 September 2023	–

Table of amendments

ad. = added or inserted am. = amended rep. = repealed rs. = repealed and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
s.1A.....	rep. <i>Legislation Act 2003, s.48D</i>
s.1B.....	rep. <i>Legislation Act 2003, s.48C</i>
s.2.....	am. MO 2023/4
s.6.....	am. MO 2023/4