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**CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965**

Notification under article VIII

In accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended, the Government of Australia has recently informed the Secretary-General of the attached differences between Australian practices relating to crew lists and the present Standards and Recommended Practices of the Convention, in particular Standards 2.6.1 and 3.45.



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The Australian High Commission presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization and has the honour to refer to article VIII of Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (the Convention), and specifically the Standards relating to Crew Lists contained in the Annex.

The High Commission has the further honour to notify the Secretary-General that, in accordance with article VIII(1) of the Convention, Australia deems it necessary for special reasons to adopt formalities, documentary requirement or procedures differing from the Standards relating to Crew Lists.

The High Commission has the further honour to inform the Secretary-General that from 1 July 2007 it will be a requirement for all foreign members of crew on non-military vessels (including supernumerary crew and those persons who may not actually be in the employ of a vessel but who are under offer of a contract of such employment) and any accompanying spouses or dependent children entering an Australian port to have applied for a Maritime Crew Visa prior to entering the Australian migration zone. There will be a transitional period from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007 to enable crew to secure the new Maritime Crew Visa. During the transitional period the current arrangements will continue.

The Australian High Commission has the further honour to request that the Secretary-General, in accordance with article VIII(4) of the Convention, inform Contracting Governments of this notification.

The Australian High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

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