



REQUIREMENT FOR MARITIME CREW VISA FOR ENTERING INTO AUSTRALIAN MIGRATION ZONE

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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers and shipmasters of Singapore ships and the shipping community.

This is to bring to your attention the notification that was submitted by the Government of Australia to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to inform all member states on Australia's adoption of documentary requirements or procedures above its existing practices and arrangements. This notification is attached as [1Annex A](#).

2. 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 employment 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 apply for Maritime Crew Visa prior to entering the Australian migration zone.

3. 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 existing arrangements for crew entering an Australian port will continue.

4. Shipowners, managers and operators are requested to take note of the above information and make the necessary arrangements if their ships are calling at Australian ports.

5. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr Wong Kai Cheong at Tel: +65 6375 6236.

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