



Australian Government
**Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation
and Compensation Authority**

**NOTICE TO MARITIME INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

NOTICE NO 01/2006

PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT GUIDE

1. Section 42 of the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992* (the Seafarers Act) provides for the Authority to prepare a “Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment” (the Guide), and to vary or revoke this guide. This section also provides that such a guide prepared by the Authority, and an instrument to revoke an existing guide or introduce a new guide, have no force or effect unless and until approved by the Minister. Section 42 also requires the approved guide be tabled in Parliament and subject to disallowance.
2. On 6 February 2006, the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations approved the revocation, effective on and from 28 February 2006, of the first edition of the Guide (originally approved on 17 June 1993) and approved commencement of the second edition of the Guide, effective on and from 1 March 2006.
3. This Guide will apply in relation to determinations made under sections 39, 40 or 41 of the Seafarers Act in respect of claims under those sections, received by employers after 28 February 2006.
4. Any issues relevant to this advice may be directed to:

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