



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

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

NOTICE NO 08/2006

Manual Handling (Maritime Industry) Regulations

1. On 13 December 2006 the Governor-General approved the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) (National Standards) Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1)* (the regulations), which amends the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) (National Standards) Regulations 2003* (the OHS(MI)(NS) Regs) by including a new **Part 3** which deals with manual handling. The regulations are based on the *National Standard for Manual Handling* [NOHSC:2005 (1990)], with amendments reflecting conditions inherent to the Australian maritime industry.
2. The object of **Part 3 Manual Handling** is (a) to prevent the occurrence of injury, and reduce the severity of injuries, resulting from manual handling tasks; and (b) to require employers to identify, assess and control risks relating to manual handling tasks.
3. The regulations commence on the day after they are registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI). Registration occurred on 19 December 2006, which means the regulations come into force on Wednesday 20 December 2006.
4. The regulations (FRLI ref: F2006L04003) can be accessed from the ComLaw website (www.comlaw.gov.au) as follows:
www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrument1.nsf/0/04444A5D3C0C7DABCA25723C00147DF8?OpenDocument
5. The regulations are still to be consolidated into the current version of the OHS(MI)(NS) Regs on the ComLaw website:
www.comlaw.gov.au/comlaw/management.nsf/lookupindexpagesbyid/IP200401215?OpenDocument
6. The regulations are supported by the *Approved Code of Practice for Manual Handling (Maritime Industry)*, which is based on the *National Code of Practice for Manual Handling* [NOHSC: 1001 (1990)] [see Notice 04/2006 of 14 October 2006].

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