



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

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

**NOTICE NO 02/2010**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY  
(MARITIME INDUSTRY) (NATIONAL STANDARDS) REGULATIONS 2003**  
(effective 20 April 2010)

1. Section 121 of the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters required or permitted by the Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.
2. Section 33 of the Act enables regulations to be made relating to any matter affecting or likely to affect the occupational health and safety of employees or contractors working on, or other persons on or near, prescribed ships or prescribed units.
3. On 20 April 2010, the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) (National Standards) Regulations 2003* (the Principal Regulations) were amended to pursuant to the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) (National Standards) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1)* (the Regulations).
4. The Regulations amend the Principal Regulations by introducing 'Part 4 Confined Spaces' into the Principal Regulations.
5. The new provisions prescribed by 'Part 4 Confined Spaces' introduce the Australian Standard relating to confined spaces (AS2865-2009) as adapted to the maritime industry in order to protect the occupational health and safety of those who are required to enter or work in confined spaces.
6. A copy of the amended Principal Regulations together with an explanatory outline can be found on the Seacare website at [www.seacare.gov.au](http://www.seacare.gov.au).

7. Any enquiries relating to this notice may be directed to the Secretariat & Seacare Management Section.

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