NOTICE TO MARITIME INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS
AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

MAXIMUM LEVEL OF BENEFITS

Background

1. Subsection 31(7) of the Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992 provides for a ceiling on weekly incapacity payments after the first 45 weeks.

2. This ceiling is 150% of the Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings for Full Time Adults (AWOTEFA). The AWOTEFA is updated quarterly by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

3. The updated AWOTEFA figure is:

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4. The next increase is expected in November 2002.

5. Calculation of subsection 31(7) should be made using the above amount.

6. Any issues relevant to this advice maybe directed to:

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