



Continuous Synopsis Record

The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to advise all ship owners and operators that from 1 July 2004, all relevant Australian registered ships are required to carry on board a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR). This requirement arises from amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), adopted by the Conference of contracting governments to SOLAS held from 9 to 13 December 2002 and which entered into force on 1 July 2004.

The CSR is intended to provide an on-board record of the history of the ship. Any changes shall be recorded in the CSR so as to provide updated and current information together with the history of the changes. For ships constructed before 1 July 2004, the CSR shall, at least, provide the history of the ship as from 1 July 2004.

Details of the requirement for application for CSR are defined in Marine Orders Part 18, and applies to the following types of vessels that are used for overseas or inter-State voyages:

- ▶ A passenger ship, carrying more than 12 passengers, including high speed craft; or
- ▶ A cargo ship of more than 500 gross tonnes, including high speed craft; or
- ▶ A mobile offshore drilling unit.

In Australia, the Australian Registrar of Ships issues the CSR. Details of the requirement for application for the CSR are defined in the amendments to Marine Orders Part 18.

Before a CSR can be issued, it will be necessary for a ship to be registered on the Australian Register of Ships. Compliance with the requirements of the [Shipping Registration Act 1981](#), including any updates of details, should be completed before submitting applications for the issue, amendment or replacement

of the CSR. Owners are encouraged to contact the Registrar to ensure that details of their ships are entered correctly in the Register.

Applications for a CSR are subject to payment of the appropriate fee. The fee for initial applications is \$425, while the fee for amendments is \$300 and a replacement is \$130.

NOTE: Penalty offences will apply to ships that do not have a CSR from 1 July 2004 and they may be restricted in trading internationally from this date. Penalties will also apply to persons providing false or misleading information.

Further information may be obtained from:

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