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Marine Order 11 Consultation

Stakeholder feedback is being sought on Marine Order 11 (Living and working conditions on vessels) 2015 (MO11) by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority ([AMSA](#)).

The review of MO11, which is being undertaken in accordance with AMSA's [2023-2024 Regulatory Programme](#), includes an eight-week period of consultation, closing on 28 July.

“MO11 gives effect to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), setting out a range of requirements for seafarers working on RAVs [Regulated Australian Vessels],” advised AMSA in a 31 May notice to the Shipping Consultative Forum.

“This includes requirements such as conditions of employment, accommodation, food and catering, health protection, medical care, welfare and social security protection, noise levels onboard vessels, and additional requirements for living and working conditions on RAVs.”

Amendments to the Code of the MLC, which were approved by the 110th session of the International Labour Conference on 6 June 2022, include:

- seafarers are informed of their rights
- prompt repatriation of seafarers, including when they are deemed abandoned
- seafarers are provided with appropriate social connectivity
- quality free drinking water and balanced meals are provided onboard for seafarers
- prompt disembarkation of seafarers in need of immediate medical care and access to medical facilities
- appropriately-sized personal protective equipment is available for seafarers
- all seafarer deaths are investigated, recorded and reported annually to the International Labour Organization to be published in a global register
- financial security by accepting the name of the registered owner when it is different from the shipowner

“The proposed revision to MO11 will give effect to the 2022 MLC amendments. Amendments are also being proposed to some other provisions to clarify requirements for non-commercial and fishing vessels, and the application of MO11 to vessels between 200-500GT.”

AMSA expects the revised MO11 to take effect on 23 December.

Further details will be available on the AMSA [website](#).

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