



Australian Government
Australian Maritime Safety Authority

AMSA EX15

**Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities)
Exemption 2015**

I, Michael Kinley, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (the National Marine Safety Regulator under section 9 of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*), make this instrument under subsection 143(1) of the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law*.

12 January 2015

Michael Kinley
Chief Executive Officer

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is *Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption 2015*.

2 Duration

This instrument:

- (a) commences when it is made; and
- (b) ceases to have effect at the end of 30 June 2018.

3 Repeal

Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption 2013 is repealed.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

Great Barrier Reef Region has the same meaning as in section 3 of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law — see Schedule 1 to the *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*.

special personnel has the same meaning as in NSCV Part B.

specified operation, for a domestic commercial vessel, means the use of a vessel up to 7.5 m long for scientific research or educational activities of a scientific research or educational organisation.

Torres Strait zone has the same meaning as in Schedule 14 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004* (Qld).

5 Exemption

A person is exempt from the requirement to hold a certificate of competency that would be required for a specified operation if:

- (a) the master of the vessel is at least 16 years old; and
- (b) the master of the vessel holds any licence that would be required to operate the vessel recreationally in the waters where the person carries out the specified operation and complies with the conditions of the licence; and
- (c) the vessel carries only employees of the owner of the vessel and special personnel.

6 Condition

(1) The person may carry out the specified operation only in:

- (a) the Great Barrier Reef Region; or
- (b) the Torres Strait zone; or
- (c) in smooth or partially smooth waters, as defined in NSCV Part B; or
- (d) other waters approved for the specified operation by the National Regulator.

7 Transitional

Despite the repeal of *Marine Safety (Scientific research and educational activities) Exemption 2013*, a person who has written approval under that instrument may continue to carry out the specified operation in accordance with that approval.
