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New Confined Space Regulation

The Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) (National Standards) Regulations 2003 were amended on 20 April 2010 to incorporate regulations in relation to confined spaces. The new regulations implement the Australian Standard in relation to confined spaces (AS2865-2009). This has been done with adaptations relevant to conditions in the maritime industry.

The purpose of the amendments is to protect the occupational health and safety of those required to enter and work in confined spaces in the maritime industry. They place a variety of duties on operators of prescribed ships and prescribed units and on their employees in order to achieve this aim.

In accordance with the *Occupational Health and Safety (Maritime Industry) Act 1993*, section 109, compliance with this standard is the benchmark for proof that the operator has taken all reasonable steps to protect the health and safety of employees and contractors at work.

The amended regulations and the explanatory statement in relation to the regulations are available from the AMSA website at: www.amsa.gov.au/Shipping_Safety/OHS/

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