Section 12 Declarations

An applicant may apply for a Section 12 Declaration (S12) if they wish for a vessel to engage in *intrastrate* voyages while being subject to the requirements of the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* (the Coastal Trading Act). Once an S12 is granted, it applies to the vessel for the entire 2 year validity of the declaration. For more information relating to S12 Declarations, please visit the *Frequently Asked Questions* page.

**Please note:** This flowchart is representative only and does not replace the legislation. Please refer to the Coastal Trading Act to confirm legislative requirements.

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Section 6 of the Costal Trading Act defines an owner as:

- a) “a person who has legal or beneficial interest in the vessel other than as a mortgagee
- b) a person with overall general control and management of the vessel;
- c) a person who has assumed responsibility from a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).”

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**Legend**

- Process undertaken by the applicant
- Process undertaken by the Shipping Business Unit (SBU)

**Section 12 Declaration Summary**

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**Application Refused**

- Applicant notified of the decision; vessel must comply with relevant state regulations for intrastate voyages

**Application Granted**

- S12 issued to applicant

- There is no timeframe for considering S12 applications

- If approved, S12 continues to apply to the vessel whenever it is undertaking intrastate voyages

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