



## Shipping Business Unit Industry Bulletin

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As a holder of a licence under the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012 (the Act) you have declared that you will comply with the requirements of the Act. Compliance with the Act is vital to ensuring safe, secure and efficient coastal shipping as part of Australia's national transport system.

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the Department), as part of regulating coastal trading, works closely with licence holders to promote compliance by ensuring stakeholders have a clear understanding of their obligations under the Act.

While it is the responsibility of the licence holder to meet the requirements of the Act, it is important that there is a clear understanding of those requirements and the regulatory regime that supports its administration, in order to facilitate the best compliance outcome. To this end, a Compliance and Enforcement Strategy has been developed to set out the principles used by the Department to achieve compliance with the coastal trading legislation. The Compliance and Enforcement Strategy can be found on the Department's website at [https://infrastructure.gov.au/maritime/business/coastal\\_trading/](https://infrastructure.gov.au/maritime/business/coastal_trading/).

A factsheet summarising the Department's compliance philosophy with regard to the regulation of coastal trading is attached for your information. This factsheet can also be found on the Department's website.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you to achieve and maintain high levels of compliance with the Act.

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