

User guide

Ports and Maritime Administration Regulation 2021

Changes to the Ports and Maritime Administration Regulation

The Ports and Maritime Administration Regulation 2021 commenced on 1 September 2021, and replaced the 2012 Regulation under the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* staged repeal process. As well as some material changes, the Regulation has been re-ordered and revised to meet current Regulation drafting standards (modern language and improved readability).

Part 7 incorporates the dangerous goods in ports regulations previously contained in Part 11 (special requirements relating to ports) of the repealed Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation 1999, and preserved by the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.

The table below shows the revised structure and the changes made.

2012 Regulation sections	Location in 2021 Regulation	Changes to 2012 Regulation (2021 Regulation clause numbers)
Part 1 Preliminary	Part 1 Preliminary	Definitions are included in a Dictionary at the end of the Regulation.
Part 2 Port charges Division 1 Preliminary Division 2 General principles for calculation of charges Division 3 Furnishing of particulars	Part 2 Port charges Division 1 Preliminary Division 2 Information required for calculation of charges Division 3 Exemptions	 A revised definition of "container" to more closely align NSW requirements with relevant national and international standards, as set out in the International Convention for Safe Containers 1972 (clause 4(2)). The principles applied to charging for goods in bulk are to be applied only to goods that have been loaded or discharged from a hold or tank of a vessel (clause 5(3)). Vessels that make more than one entry to Port Botany and Sydney Harbour, without entering another port, will receive a 50 per cent reduction on the navigation service charge for subsequent entries (clause 14(2)). Information to be provided for a site occupation charge will include the purpose for which the site is sought (clause 9(1)(a)).

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		 At Port Kembla, the manifest for goods discharged from the vessel is to be provided by the end of the third working day after the vessel enters the port (clause 11(2)(a)). Information relevant to the calculation of berthing charges is no longer required in triplicate (clause 13(1)). 	
Part 3 Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy	Part 6 Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy	The procedures for booking cancellations have been removed (was in clause 29 of the 2012 Regulation) and are included unchanged in the updated mandatory standards.	
Division 1 Preliminary	Division 1 Preliminary	Transitional clauses relating to the	
Division 2 Booking and gate procedures	Division 2 Booking and gate procedures	transfer of PBLIS from Sydney Ports Corporation to TfNSW that are no longer required have been removed	
Division 3 Operational performance of carriers	Division 3 Operational performance of carriers	(was in clauses 39A(5)(d1) and 39B in the 2012 Regulation).	
Division 4 Operational performance of stevedores	Division 4 Operational performance of stevedores		
Division 5 General	Division 5 Confidentiality of information		
	Division 6 General		
Part 4 Port boundaries	Schedule 4 Port boundaries	Part 4 from the 2012 Regulations has been moved to Schedule 4.	
Part 5 (Repealed in 2012)			
Part 6 Maritime Advisory Council	Schedule 5 Members and procedure of Maritime Advisory Council	Part 6 from the 2012 Regulations has been moved to Schedule 5.	

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Part 6A Access to wharves Division 1 General Division 2 Commuter wharf permit scheme Division 3 Charter wharf booking system	Part 3 Commuter wharves and charter wharves Division 1 Commuter wharf permits Division 2 Charter wharves	The commuter wharf permit allows the normal maximum berthing time of 5 minutes or another timeframe if specified by the permit (clause 17(4)).
Part 6B Traffic control at ports and wharves	Part 5 Traffic control at ports and wharves	Minor rewording and restructuring.
Part 6C Mooring licences	Part 4 Mooring licences Division 1 Mooring licences Division 2 Miscellaneous	 The requirement for courtesy and emergency mooring licenses has been removed (clause 27(4) - was in clause 67W(1)(c) and (d) of the 2012 Regulation). Clarification that a mooring licence is not a property right (clause 27(9). Clarification that notification is required where a vessel vacates or is absent from a mooring for a period of more than 28 consecutive days (clauses (31(1)(g) and 34(2)). New provision for an application to transfer a mooring licence from a person acting on behalf of the licensee in certain circumstances (clause 32(2)). New provision providing a process for managing a mooring licence if a licence holder is deceased (clause 37(2)).
Part 6D General safety provision	Part 8 Miscellaneous	Part 6D (which related to disturbance of the sea bed in a port) has been moved to Part 8 with minor rewording.

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Part 11 from the repealed Dangerous Goods (General) Regulation 1999	Part 7 Management of dangerous goods Division 1 Preliminary Division 2 Notice of dangerous goods Division 3 Bringing dangerous goods into ports Division 4 Handling dangerous goods generally Division 5 Handling explosives Division 6 Handling radioactive goods Division 7 Handling restricted chemicals Division 8 Handling bulk dangerous goods Division 9 Miscellaneous	 Part 7 includes modifications to language and requirements to more closely align with other dangerous goods legislation. In particular, definitions such as explosives, gas and other classes of dangerous goods are aligned with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code (clause 66) and a provision is included on the relationship with Commonwealth law (clause 68). Obligations have been more clearly defined for: Consignors or agents (Clauses 88 and 91. More generally, clauses 73, 74, 77, 79, 82,83, 88, 91 and 98); and Terminal operators, referred to as 'port facility operators' (Clauses 87, 89 and 94. More generally, clauses 74, 79, 82, 83, 84, 87, 96 and 97). The terminal time limits for some dangerous goods have been changed from 2 to 12 hours to align, including for some types of explosives, low specific activity radioactive goods and restricted chemicals (clause 101). Other structural and wording changes have been made to improve readability
Part 7 General	Part 8 Miscellaneous	 New provision enabling the Minister to require the provision of empty container storage facility operational data Includes the appointment of Maritime
		Advisory Council members, delegation of Minister's powers and servicing of documents.
Schedule 1 Description of port boundaries	Schedule 4 Port boundaries	No changes

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Schedule 2 (Repealed in 2012)			
Schedule 3 Membership and procedure of Maritime Advisory Council	Schedule 5 Membership and procedure of Maritime Advisory Council	Minor rewording and restructuring.	
Schedule 3A Commuter wharf permit fees	Schedule 1 Commuter wharves	Combines the commuter wharves and related fees in one schedule	
Schedule 3B Charter wharf booking system fees	Schedule 2 Charter wharves	Combines the charter wharves and related fees in one schedule	
Schedule 3C Mooring licence fees	Schedule 3 Mooring licence fees	Includes a fee of \$25 for a replacement mooring licence (see clause 35(2))	
Schedule 4 Penalty notices	Schedule 6 Penalty notice offences	Restructuring of 2012 Regulation penalty notices into Schedule 6.	
Schedule 5 Charter wharves	Schedule 2 Charter wharves	Updated wharf names included in Schedule 2	
Schedule 6 Commuter wharves	Schedule 1 Commuter wharves	Has been moved to Schedule 1	