

18 August 2005

Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport Legislation Committee
SG 62 Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Weeks,

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Cards and Other Measures) Bill 2005

Shipping Australia appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Committee on its inquiry into the above Bill. Shipping Australia is a peak shipowner body representing forty members who are involved in all types of shipping, covering both foreign and Australian flag operators and I have attached a list of that membership for your guidance. Our members would be involved with over 80% of the container trade and over 50% of the bulk and break bulk trade.

We have been consulted closely by the Department of Transport and Regional Services in the development of this Bill and the Department is to be commended for undertaking such extensive consultation with industry.

SAL has been keen to ensure that those going about their lawful business eg. foreign crew transiting security regulated areas are not inhibited in anyway but this seems well covered by reference to Commonwealth, State and Territory laws being observed at all times. It is also acknowledged by the industry that SOLAS vessels already have security arrangements and are outside the ambit of these particular provisions. These issues are also covered in the Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill.

In relation to the specific issues raised by the Committee, SAL believes that there would be value in maritime security guards having sufficient training to a level of competency required to adequately perform the tasks set out in the Bill.

The issue is also raised whether the Regulations should clearly specify the reasons why a person with a Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC) could be denied access to a Maritime Security Zone. The MSIC is not an access card but rather seeks to ensure that those requiring regular unescorted or unmonitored access to security regulated areas have been clearly identified. Therefore, the question of access is not relevant, in SAL's view, in relation to access to Maritime Security Zones at least at this point in time. Nevertheless, it could be worth flagging as a possibility to be added to Regulations in the future should the MSIC become a national or common access card which SAL hopes will evolve at sometime in the future.

Which State or Territory licence a maritime security guard working on the Northern offshore facility in Commonwealth waters should hold is a question best addressed by others but we recognise it as an issue as are the issues raised by the Committee dealing with the removal, storage and possible disposal of vehicles and vessels. We agree that clarification should be sought regarding the classes of persons to be exempted from providing reasons for being in a Maritime Security Zone.

Overall, Shipping Australia supports the contents of this Bill. If any further elaboration is required please feel free to contact me on 02 9266 9903.

Yours sincerely

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