

GUIDANCE NOTE No: 56/01

REVISION No: 2

Single Voyage Towage Permit Subject To NT Legislation

In accordance with NT Marine Survey Regulations, single voyage Towage Permits are required for all vessels intending to tow another vessel or, being towed on a seagoing voyage.

Towage permits are not required for the towage of:

- (a) Air Cushion vehicles,
- (b) Pleasure craft,
- (c) * Commercial vessel on interstate or overseas voyage,
- (d) Existing fishing vessel less than 15m (unless application for survey has been made),
- (e) Fishing vessels other than an existing fishing vessel, that is less than 8m,
- (f) * An offshore industry mobile unit,
- (g) * An offshore industry vessel in respect of which a declaration under section 8A(5) of the Commonwealth Navigation Act is in force; and
- (h) Hire and Drive vessels less than 7m.

* Any enquiries relating to c, f, or g should be directed to an AMSA surveyor telephone 89 473794.

ADDITIONALLY THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR A SINGLE VOYAGE TOWAGE PERMIT FOR:

1. Regular towage of cargo on a commercial basis (prior approval will be required);
2. Where the tow is to be conducted within Inland Waters or Declared Sheltered Waters – refer to Guidance Note No. 33/98 for a list of gazetted sheltered waters;
3. The towage assistance of oil-exploration structures, semi-submersible oil platforms etc. which are self propelled; or
4. For a vessel in distress at sea or stranded in a position where immediate action by the towing vessel is vital to the saving of life and /or property.

An application for a Towage Permit in the approved format must be received by the Marine Safety Branch at least 5 working days before the anticipated tow together with payment of the \$110 fee.

Any enquires relating to the issue of a Towage Permit should be directed to a Marine Surveyor, telephone 89247100

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