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COASTAL TRADING (REVITALISING AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING) ACT 2012

If your project involves carrying passengers or cargo between ports in Australia, you may need approvals in accordance with this Act.

1. What approvals do I need?

Coastal Trading Licences are required to transport passengers or cargo on interstate voyages.

- **General Licence (Australian-flagged vessels)**
Unrestricted access to engage in coastal trading for 5 years
- **Temporary Licence (Foreign-flagged vessels)**
Limited access, as per approval, to engage in coastal trading for 12 months.
- **Emergency Licence**
Access to engage in coastal trading in identified emergency situations for up to 30 days.

2. Who provides approvals?

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regulates coastal trading between ports in Australia under the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*.

3. How do I get Commonwealth approval?

Applications for licences and reporting requirements must be submitted online through the [Coastal Trading Licensing System \(CTLS\)](#).

Guidelines are available on the Infrastructure [website](#).

4. More information

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For more information, visit the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website or contact the Shipping Business Unit:

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