

**NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION**  
*Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*  
*Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2016*

Maritime Safety Queensland  
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**I, Patrick Quirk, General Manager, Maritime Safety Queensland**, pursuant to Section 18A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*, exempt operators of lightweight craft, as defined in schedule B, from complying with the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 2 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2016*, specifically the requirement for a ship to be equipped with an EPIRB, subject to the conditions set out in Schedule A.

**Schedule A: Conditions**

**Section 1**

The operator of the lightweight craft must wear a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) on their person at all times, except when they are in;

- smooth waters, or
- partially smooth waters, or
- other waters within 2 nautical miles from land.

**Section 2**

The lightweight craft must be equipped with a PLB that:

- a) complies with the standard AS/NZs 4280.2, and
- b) has been registered under *Section 3* for the ship by the owner or master of the ship; and
- c) have up to date registration, and
- d) is GPS enabled, and
- e) floats or is fitted with a pouch or similar item that ensures the unit will float.

**Section 3**

The owner or master of the lightweight craft must register a PLB to be operated on the lightweight craft with AMSA by giving notice of the following details to AMSA-

- a) the owner or master's name, address and phone number
- b) the name and phone number of a person nominated by the owner or master as the owner or master's alternative contact;
- c) the identifying code of the PLB;
- d) details of the lightweight craft that are reasonably required by AMSA;
- e) any other details reasonably required by AMSA.

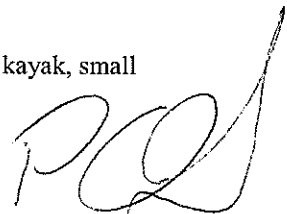
**Section 4**

For *Section 2, (c)*, a PLB has up-to-date registration if-

- a) there has been no change in the details given to AMSA under section 3; or
- b) if there has been a change in the details given to AMSA under section 3, notice of the change has been given to AMSA by the owner or master of the ship within 14 days after the change.
- c) For section 3 and 4, notice to AMSA must be given in the way required by AMSA.

**Schedule B: Definition**

*lightweight craft* means off the beach type craft, human powered canoe and kayak, small sailing vessels (less than 6m in length) and personal watercraft.



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