

## **Maritime Security Identification Card - 29 September 2006**

From 1 January 2007, the Australian Government requires anyone accessing, or working within the secure areas of a port, ship or offshore oil and gas facility to display a new identification card known as a Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).

The MSIC scheme covers waterfront workers, customs brokers, shipping agents, providers, contractors, service providers, maintenance workers, truck drivers and anyone other persons who require unescorted or unmonitored access to a maritime security zone.

In order to ensure that the 1 January 2007 deadline can be met, the department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) has regulated the dates for which people must have applied for their MSIC. **The deadline for submitting MSIC applications has now expired.**

If you or your staff require an MSIC, and have not yet lodged your applications, you are urged to attend to this as a matter of priority. A Maritime Security Inspector may request proof of application from any person within a Maritime Security Zone and **penalties may apply** to those without an MSIC or who have not yet applied for one.

A list of the issuing bodies can be found on the DOTARS website, and further information about the MSIC scheme can be found at [www.dotars.gov.au](http://www.dotars.gov.au) or by calling 1800 052 002. Alternatively, should you wish to discuss any aspect of the scheme please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer King from DOTARS on (08) 8110 2267 or email [jennifer.king@dotars.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.king@dotars.gov.au)