



FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Federal Court Admiralty and Maritime Jurisdiction

The Federal Court of Australia wishes to inform members of MLAANZ and the profession in Australia interested in Admiralty and maritime matters of the following things concerning poundage and changes to the Federal Court web site.

Abolition of poundage in Admiralty Act matters

Following representations by the Court, the Australian government has abolished the poundage fee for the seizure and sale by the Court of vessels under the *Admiralty Act 1988*. The new *Federal Court of Australia Regulations 2004*, which will replace the existing Regulations on 1 November 2004, do not include any requirement for poundage to be paid in Admiralty matters.

Admiralty and maritime law information on the Court's web site

On 5 July 2004 the Federal Court launched its new website. The website includes a comprehensive collection of information and links on Admiralty and maritime law and jurisdiction in Australia and around the world.

The collection can be found at <http://www.fedcourt.gov.au/how/admiralty.html> and includes the following information and links:

- Admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the Federal Court of Australia
- Organisation of the Federal Court's admiralty and maritime jurisdiction nationally
- Australian and New Zealand legislation links
- Admiralty and maritime cases
 - High Court of Australia
 - Federal Court of Australia
 - Australian states and territories

- United Kingdom
- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- Canada
- United States
- Other
- Other admiralty and maritime links
 - Legislation – Australia
 - Legislation – Foreign
 - Treaties and conventions
 - Courts and tribunals - International
 - Arbitration
 - International maritime and trade related organisations - short list
 - Maritime law associations
 - Universities, maritime law centres, education and training
 - Organisations and government departments - Australia
 - Organisations and government departments - International
 - Ports, port authorities and related government bodies
 - Maritime security links
 - News, information and research
 - Shipping and shipping related companies
 - Regional and national shipping links
 - Weather
- Papers and publications
- Forms and guides, filing and fees
- Rule reform.

The website is in the process of being built. The Court is very interested in any comments MLAANZ and its members and practitioners might have on the content of the site, including suggestions as to information and links that might be added to it. Comments may be sent to Philip Kellow at Philip.Kellow@fedcourt.gov.au.