

Don't be a fool about safety

Now is not the time to be a fool about safety in our logistics supply chain, which is why from today the Transport & Logistics industry can apply to become part of the National Logistics Safety Code (NLSC).

“The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) is proud to have facilitated this industry led code that sets out the responsibilities for players in the convoluted logistics safety environment,” Hal Morris, ALC Chief Executive said today.

“For the first time the NLSC takes a holistic approach to safety, bringing the complex rules and regulations together into one, industry based Code.

The NLSC is not designed to replace any existing code, but to allow such codes to come together under one umbrella. Already the Retail and Steel Codes have been incorporated with more to follow.

“The ALC was pleased by the high level of enthusiasm expressed by the T&L industry when we announced the NLSC was coming. The completion of this Code has therefore been expedited to allow its availability from 1 April 2009,” Mr Morris said.

Special thanks must go to BlueScope, Toll, Linfox, Metcash, Coles, Woolworths and the TWU for their active involvement in the development of this Code and the NTC for their endorsement of the NLSC.

The application form and more details on the NLSC can be found at www.austlogistics.com.au.

The NLSC covers the following critical areas;

1. Legal Compliance and CoR
2. OH&S Risk Assessment & Compliance
3. Fatigue Management
 - Scheduling
 - Time Slot Flexibility
 - Waiting Time
 - Queuing
 - Loading or Unloading
4. Communication

5. Safe Load
 - Preparation
 - Restraint
 - Containment
 - Mass
 - Container Weight Declarations
 - Dangerous Goods
6. Speed Management
7. Equipment
8. Driver Health / Drug & Alcohol free workplace
9. Subcontractor Assessment
10. Operational Infrastructure