



**ASEAN Regional Forum
Inter-Sessional Meeting on Maritime Security**

Code for Unplanned Encounters Sea

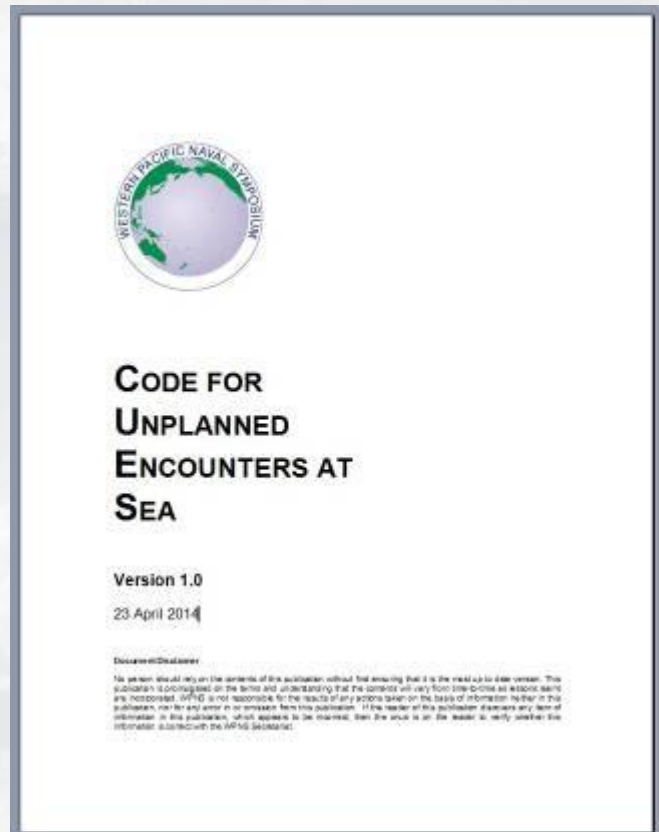
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Introduction

- **Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea**
 - Publication of the Western Pacific Naval Symposium (WPNS)
 - Recently endorsed by the Symposium in Qindgao, China on 23 April 2014
 - Commonly referred to as 'CUES'





CUES

■ Purpose

- CUES provides safety navies safety procedures, a basic communications plan and basic manoeuvring instructions for naval ships and naval aircraft during unplanned encounters at sea.





CUES

■ Legal Considerations

- CUES is not legally binding – nations will use it voluntarily.
- Naval ships and naval aircraft enjoy sovereign immunity.
- CUES does not supersede international civil aviation rules or rules applicable under international agreements or treaties or international law.





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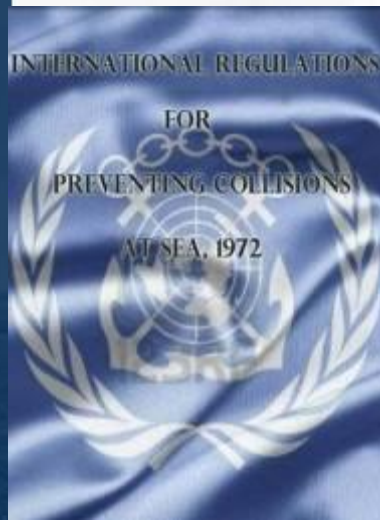
■ Draft Development

- Initially promulgated by the Australian Chief of Navy in 1999. CUES has had various revisions over 14 years.
- 2013 review included:
 - renaming the document;
 - simplifying the legal sections;
 - clarifying its application to 'naval ships and aircraft';
 - updating the annex (tactical component); and
 - reformatting the document with a modernised 'new look'.
- 2013 review was conducted by a small team of 4 nations, and coordinated by Australia via email, before being circulated to all WPNS members in late 2013, prior to the January 2014 Workshop.



CUES

- **Safety Procedures include:**
 - Actions to Avoid Collisions at Sea
 - Formations and Convoys
 - Safe Speeds and Distances
 - Radio Communication Procedures





Challenges Ahead

- **Training**
- **Implementation**
- **Exercises and real life experiences**
- **Document review**





Conclusion

- Endorsement of CUES is a milestone achievement for WPNS.
- Possible adoption by other non-WPNS navies, for example navies of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium.
- Ultimate improvement to 'good order at sea'.





Questions ?

