This is a sample ABP plate for a boat less than 6 metres, designed to be powered by an outboard engine, using text and symbols as of 1 November 2005. For further details, please refer to the NMSC web site www.nmsc.gov.au

1. Name of the person approving information on the plate, normally the builder or importer, and either the Hull Identification (HIN) or the year built.

2. Maximum outboard engine power rating for which the boat has been designed and tested, expressed in kilowatts or horsepower.

3. Maximum outboard engine weight for which the boat has been designed and tested, expressed in kilograms, including the weight of any auxiliary outboard that might be mounted on the transom.

4. Maximum number of persons on the boat expressed as a whole number and in kilograms.

5. The maximum load that a boat has been designed and tested to carry when underway. This includes persons, maximum outboard engine weight allowed including auxiliary engines, and carry-on equipment such as personal equipment, personal safety equipment, spare parts, tools, dry provisions, fishing tackle, portable tanks and their contents, etc. It does not include the mass of the contents of fixed fuel and water tanks.

6. For boats less than 6 metres in length there will be a buoyancy statement. Up until 1 July 2006, the terms used may be either ‘level flotation’, ‘basic flotation’ or ‘inadequate flotation’. After 1 July 2006, the term ‘inadequate flotation’ will no longer be permitted for use.

7. A mandatory warning statement that alterations may invalidate the particulars on the Australian Builders Plate.

8. The person approving information on the plate may also add an optional person/load capacity warning statement or other safety information.

   Examples may include:
   Warning – the recommended maximum persons to be carried on the flybridge should not exceed 2 persons or 150 kilograms.
   Warning – the recommended maximum persons and maximum load should be reduced in bad weather or when the boat is operated offshore. Refer to the owner’s operation manual before operation.

9. The standard used to determine the information provided on the plate.

   An example might be:
   Information determined – AS 1799