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**RE: MICROLEN® MARINE BUOYANCY FOAM.**

It is with great pleasure that we wish to announce that Microlen® Marine Buoyancy Foam has been accepted by the National Marine Safety Committee (NMSC) for listing on the National Register of Compliant Equipment (NRCE), after successful SOLAS testing by a NATA approved laboratory.<sup>1</sup>

This listing can easily be observed on the website [www.nmsc.gov.au/nrce](http://www.nmsc.gov.au/nrce) by clicking onto Approved Products in the yellow banner and then Life Saving Appliances on the drop-down table (Item no. 21).

As a consequence of the NRCE listing, we have been notified by NSW Maritime Authority that they will accept the use of Microlen® as an internal buoyancy foam for vessels under their jurisdiction.

Microlen® is a specially-formulated, closed-cell plastic foam similar to that currently used for kickboards, body boards and life-jackets. It has the following attractive features:

- Cost-effective.
- High impact resistance.
- Does not crumble.
- Does not need to be enclosed in a plastic bag.
- Flexibility allows placement into tight corners.
- Negligible water absorption.
- Resistant to fuels and solvents.
- Self-extinguishing.
- Block size of 2,400mm x 1,200mm x 100mm.
- Can be supplied in any thickness between 6mm and 100mm
- Standard thickness 20mm, 50mm, and 100mm.
- Easily cut-to-size with a bandsaw or sharp blade.

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<sup>1</sup> Information Supplied by Thermoplastic Foam Industries Pty Ltd