

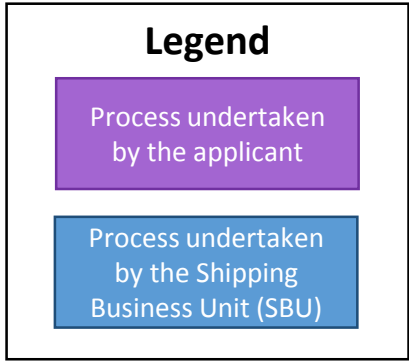
# Energy Security Situation Variation

An energy security situation (ESS) is a type of authorised matters variation which may be granted where there is a shortage of fuel product. ESS applications do not have a mandatory consultation period but must be submitted accompanied by a Statutory Declaration detailing the special circumstances. For more information relating to ESS variations, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

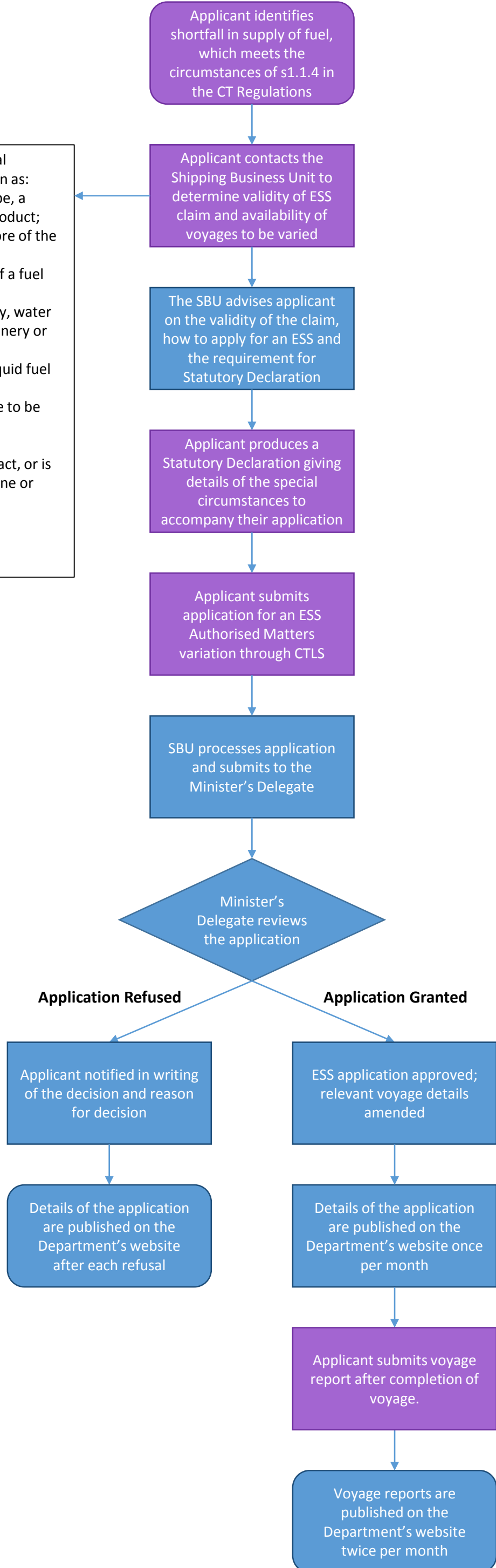
**Please note:** This flowchart is representative only and does not replace the legislation. Please refer to the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* and *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Regulation 2012* (CT Regulation) to confirm legislative requirements.

S1.1.4 of the CT Regulation lists the special circumstances for energy security situation as:

- “there is, or it is likely that there will be, a shortfall in the supply of liquid fuel product;
- the shortfall is the result of one or more of the following unforeseen events:
  - a partial or total shutdown of a fuel refinery;
  - the failure of a gas, electricity, water or steam supply to a fuel refinery or terminal;
  - a shortfall in the supply of liquid fuel product from overseas;
  - fuel is found to be unsuitable to be used;
  - a severe weather event;
- the shortfall is having an adverse impact, or is likely to have an adverse impact, on one or more of the following:
  - the interests of consumers;
  - the national economy
  - regional development.”



Energy Security Situation Summary	
Cost	\$200
Consultation period	N/A
Processing timeframe	24 hours



The Minister's Delegate must consider ESS applications **within 24 hours of receipt of complete application**

**Voyage reports** must be submitted no later than 10 days after the completion of the voyage