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All ships calling at the Ports of Townsville, Lucinda and Abbot Point are required to notify the Port Authority via notifications@townsvilleport.com.au of **any defect** present on the vessel.

This requirement applies to **all defects and all vessels**, including those for which a **dispensation** has been issued by the Flag State or Classification Society.

Any deficiencies recorded by **Port State Control** prior to and during a port stay must also be declared. Notifications must include details of the **actions taken** to manage, rectify or mitigate the defect.

Early submission of this information enables the Port to undertake a comprehensive **risk assessment** of the vessel and implement any necessary **additional safety measures** prior to arrival.

Compliance with this requirement assists in reducing operational risks and helps **minimise potential delays**.

The following is the compliance justification summary: -

Requirement to Declare Vessel Defects

- The ATSB highlights that Queensland port entry procedures require ships to report **all defects** to ensure accurate QSHIPS booking and risk assessment.
- [Port entry procedures – Defect notification | ATSB](#)
- MSQ's safety mandate under the *Maritime Safety Queensland Act 2002* includes ensuring safe ship operations and empowering ports to require information necessary for safety and risk management.

Requirement to Report PSC deficiencies and Flag/Class Dispensations

- There are Queensland Ports procedures that include formal defect reporting processes (AMSA 355, official Ship Defect Report) that require disclosure of Port State Controlled (PSC) related issues. PSC deficiencies are especially important because they indicate that another authority has already identified a safety concern.
- MSQ's risk-based safety framework empowers ports to request information relevant to vessel condition and compliance.

Requirement to Describe Actions Taken to Manage or Rectify Defects

- The ATSB identifies that Ports require sufficient defect information to support **risk analysis** and operational planning.
- PoTL governance framework emphasise safety, risk management and operational compliance.

Port Authority Powers to Issue Notice

- Under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*, Queensland port authorities may issue **Port Notices** regulating vessel operations for safety and compliance.
- Ports routinely issue binding operational requirements.

