

Notice

Townsville Pilotage Area

Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994

Section 191A – Direction to person about operation of ship in relation to pilotage area

Preamble

A [General Manager's Direction](#) to the masters of all ships in Queensland waters was given under section 191A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* on 18 March 2020 and published on the Maritime Safety Queensland website (the direction).

The direction prohibits a ship from entering a Queensland pilotage area until 14 days have elapsed since the ship left or transited through a port outside Australia, or since a person on board has travelled to or transited through a country outside Australia (the 14 day period).


The direction does not apply if prior written approval has been obtained from the General Manager of Maritime Safety Queensland for the ship to enter a pilotage area.

By email dated 01 May 2020 the General Manager gave written notice that effective 2359 hrs 30 April 2020 the Port of Townsville would be aligned with the Port of Brisbane in receiving international trading vessels into the port.

NOTICE

I, Angus Mitchell, General Manager of Maritime Safety Queensland, by this notice give written approval for ships to enter the Townsville pilotage area within the 14 day period on condition that the ship complies with the [Restrictions on Commercial Maritime Vessels and Crew](#) issued by the Australian Border Force on 1 April 2020, or any update to those restrictions.

This notice takes effect immediately.



Angus Mitchell
General Manager
Maritime Safety Queensland
8 May 2020