

Appendix 3

Guidelines for categorisation of marine incidents

Category 1

A Category 1 incident has serious consequences. It triggers an *Issues Alert*. Prima facie, a serious breach of maritime safety legislation or Criminal Code of Queensland is probable. A full investigation into all the circumstances is indicated. It is currently further described in the following terms:

- Total loss or theft of any ship of overall length greater than 15 metres.
- Stranding, collision or major fire involving a passenger ship.
- Stranding, collision or fire on board any ship of overall length greater than 24m
- An incident resulting in persons missing, death or serious injury.
- An incident involving a pilot or exempt master regardless of severity.
- Any other incident of major significance.

Category 2

A Category 2 incident includes an incident which, exempting actual impact or outcome of a Category 1 incident, has the same potential i.e. a close call incident involving:

- Operation of a ship in a manner which places it or other ships, passengers or crew at risk of a Category 1 event; or
- Operating a ship contrary to its approved classification.

Category 3

A Category 3 incident will be of sufficient consequence and severity to indicate a possible breach of the controlling legislation and therefore justifying investigation to determine cause and lessons learned.

Category 4

A Category 4 incident is of low significance; where a minor breach of legislation may have occurred and where investigation is undertaken to establish or confirm the facts and the lessons learned.



