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## HARBOUR MASTER'S DIRECTION

*Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*  
Division 2, Subdivision 1, Section 86 - 92

I, Captain Frank D'Souza, Regional Harbour Master, Townsville, am appointed as harbour master under part 7 of *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994*.

Under section 86 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* a harbour master may give a direction only if the harbour master reasonably considers it necessary to ensure safety. Further, section 86A of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* enables a harbour master to give a general direction that applies to all ship owners, ship masters, ships, other persons or matters.

I am satisfied that it is necessary to issue this direction to ensure marine safety in the Port of Townsville. Sections of the Port Procedures and Information for Shipping – Port of Townsville (<http://www.qld.gov.au/Shipping.aspx>) are mandatory and must be complied with. Only those sections listed in Schedule 1 are mandated by this general direction.

### I DIRECT THAT:

The sections of the Port Procedures Information for Shipping – Port of Townsville listed in Schedule 1 of this direction must be complied with by all ship owners, ship masters, ships, other persons or matters in the Port of Townsville.

### Note:

It is an offence to fail to comply with my direction without a reasonable excuse. It is also an offence to obstruct a harbour master in the exercise of a power. The maximum penalty is 200 penalty units for an individual for each offence. If you fail to comply with my direction, then I may carry out the direction myself, and recover all expenses associated with performing the direction for you as a debt in civil jurisdiction.

Captain Frank R. D'Souza  
Regional Harbour Master (Townsville)  
Maritime Safety Queensland

**DATED AT Townsville this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024**

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