



HARBOUR MASTER'S NOTICE 01 – 2024

Requirements for Mobile Bulk Loading of Grain

Port users are advised of the following requirements for the Mobile Bulk Loading of Grain at the Port of Portland. These requirements are in addition to those specified in Marine Orders 33 – Cargo and Cargo Handling - Grain.

General

Due to the weather condition experienced at the port of Portland and the limitations on stability for the loading of grain, the Master of all vessels loading grain via mobile bulk loading shall ensure that the vessel can be brought to a stable sea going condition to depart the port if required with a minimum of 24 hours' notice, taking into account the onset of weather.

Prior to departure due to a weather event, the vessel's Master is to submit evidence to the Harbour Master via shipping@portofportland.com.au that the vessel is in a compliant sea going condition in accordance with Marine Orders 33 to the satisfaction of AMSA.

Using POPL Loader

For the mobile bulk loading of grain using the POPL ship loader the following conditions apply:

- Vessel size shall not exceed handy max (that is having a DWT of between 35,000 and 50,000, an LOA not exceeding 200 metres and a beam not exceeding 32 metres)
- All vessels shall be geared to allow for hold trimming with cargo grab.

Larger vessels with a beam not exceeding 32 metres will be considered on a case-by-case basis subject to logistics arrangements and the ability to meet the requirements to be brought to a stable condition within the minimum 24-hour period, taking into account the onset of weather. This is subject to prior written approval from the Harbour Master.

All vessels that a proponent intends to load grain onto, using the POPL ship loader are required to be nominated and approved by the Harbour Master. Nominations are to be submitted via email to shipping@portofportland.com.au and grain@portofportland.com.au including the following information:

- Vessel name
- IMO Number
- General arrangements of the vessel

Prior to the arrival of the vessel, the proponent shall submit an accumulation and logistics plan to grain@portofportland.com.au detailing where grain has been accumulated and how the vessel will remain productive throughout the port call.

Productivity Requirements

Proponents are reminded of the port's requirements for productivity as detailed in the following:

- Berthing Protocol
- Port Productivity Rules

Vessels shall remain productive throughout the port call and achieve a loading rate of minimum 5000 tonnes per day.

For further information contact the Harbour Master.

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