



Australian Government

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

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### **AMSA TAKES PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR SHIP OFF GREAT BARRIER REEF**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority issued an Intervention Order to the Liberian registered *Ocean Emperor* this morning. The 225 metre bulk carrier has suffered a number of breakdowns and is currently attempting repairs.

The ship is situated approximately 60 nautical miles East South East of Cairns off the outer Great Barrier Reef.

As a precautionary measure, AMSA has issued the Intervention Order in the event that repairs cannot be completed by the ship's crew and the ship requires assistance to prevent it drifting further towards the Great Barrier Reef.

In compliance with the Intervention Order, several tugs from nearby ports are being mobilised to attend to the vessel. The nearest tug should be on scene this evening.

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