

## **VBRAMP / IMP Management**

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<b>Further Notice:</b>	N/A
<b>Attachments:</b>	N/A

Port users are advised that Pilbara Ports was recently notified that the online marine biofouling management tool *Vessel-Check* was retired by DHI on 30 January 2025 and is no longer available for use. *Vessel-Check* was leveraged by Pilbara Ports to help determine the risk of non-trading commercial vessels carrying Invasive Marine Species (IMS) to the Port of Port Hedland, and provide recommended management actions to reduce the vessel risk status.

Pilbara Ports directly refer to *Vessel Check* as a tool for managing the risk of IMP, within the Port of Port Hedland – Port Handbook, as well as management plans associated with Port projects, developments, and dredging activities.

As an interim measure, and to ensure ongoing IMP risk management, Pilbara Ports advises the following:

- References to *Vessel Check* will be removed from the Port of Port Hedland - Port Handbook and will instead refer to best management guidelines - The Australian Maritime Safety Authority Marine Notice 11/2022 – Biofouling and in water cleaning (available [here](#)), the Australian in-water cleaning standards (available [here](#)), and the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships’ biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species - the ‘Biofouling Guidelines’ (available [here](#)).
- All non-trading vessels are to comply with Commonwealth Government (and IMO) requirements and guidance measures in place for the management of biofouling and in-water cleaning, as specified under AMSA Marine Notice 11/2022.
- These interim measures are supported by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

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For further information or clarification regarding this notice, please contact the Harbour Master Team.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to maintaining the safety and efficiency of Pilbara Ports.

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Behrouz Daei Zadeh  
**Harbour Master East (Port Hedland)**