

# CYCLONE ALFRED IN BRISBANE - PORT OPERATIONS

**T**he situation at the Port of Brisbane and Tropical Cyclone Alfred is evolving, with forecasted winds exceeding safe limits for monitoring containers, including reefers in the yard.

DP World has advised that reefer monitoring at the terminal will be suspended from Tuesday, 4 March, at 15:00 (Cyclone Closure) and will resume once the cyclone has passed and winds return to safe levels. Due to the high likelihood of power outages, customers are strongly encouraged to remove reefer containers before the Cyclone Closure cut-off time to minimise potential disruptions. As a result, DP World has prioritised reefer removal requests and has opened slots for customers to retrieve their containers immediately. Please note the Cyclone Closure time is subject to change at short notice if conditions worsen earlier than forecasted.

## Impact on Customers

Cargo availability in Brisbane is predicted to be heavily affected over the coming week due to disruptions in operations at container parks, depots and airline terminals. Delays in Brisbane may also impact on sailing schedules at other Australian ports, as shipping lines are expected to reroute vessels to mitigate the impact of port closures. Shipping lines may also impose container detention charges during this period due to the closure of empty container parks.

## Vessel Movement Suspensions

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) has suspended inbound vessel arrivals to the Port of Brisbane due to heavy swells since late yesterday, until further notice. A further update is expected to confirm if all berthed vessels are required to evacuate the port.

## Terminals Operations

### Patrick

- Imports: Operating as normal today (Day & Twilight Shifts) and tomorrow (Day Shift). Expected to close for imports after the completion of the Day Shift on 4 March 2025. Industry is advised to collect all available imports within these shifts, as slots are currently open.
- Exports: Cargo receivals are suspended until further notice.

### DP World

- Imports: Operating as normal today and until 2300hrs tomorrow. The last slot is expected to be broadcast on 4 March 2025 at 2200hrs. Industry is advised to collect all available imports within these shifts.
- Exports: Cargo receivals are suspended until further notice.

### Hutchison Ports

- Imports: Operating as normal until further notice, with likely operations until the end of 4 March 2025.
- Exports: Cargo receivals are suspended from 10am today until further notice.

### AAT

- Imports: Operating as normal until further notice, with likely operations until the end of 4 March 2025.
- Exports: Cargo receivals are suspended until further notice.

## Empty Container Park Closures

Several empty container parks across the port precinct have ceased operations due to safety concerns.

The Tomax Brisbane facility will stay open until further notice, following guidance from the Bureau of Meteorology. For any questions, please contact the Tomax team on 1300 186 629.

