

# 03 – Defect Triage Protocol

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SVS (Oh-Dish Backoffice) – Startup Simulation

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Note: This is a representative artifact created to simulate real enterprise processes in a startup environment. Use with the Agile Enterprise Framework docs as supporting analysis.

## Approvals

Role	Name	Signature	Date
Product Owner	_____	_____	_____
Engineering Lead	_____	_____	_____
QA Lead/Mentor	_____	_____	_____
Stakeholder/UAT Rep	_____	_____	_____

## **Revision History**

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## **1. Purpose**

Standardize how defects are logged, classified, prioritized, triaged, and verified across SVS modules.

## **2. Defect Intake Standards**

- Title format: [Module] – [Short issue] – [Environment]
- Must include: steps to reproduce, expected vs actual, environment/build, evidence (screenshots/logs), impacted users/roles
- Link to story/requirement if applicable; mark regression yes/no
- For payments: include transaction id/correlation id and reconciliation evidence

## **3. Severity Model**

Severity	Definition	Examples	Customer Impact	Release Rule
Critical	Revenue/security/legal/compliance impact; blocks core flow	Payment charged but order missing; RBAC bypass; allergy info incorrect; double-charge	High immediate harm	No-Go
Major	High functional impact; workaround exists	Order status cannot change; discounts misapply in edge case; reports totals wrong for one branch	Significant disruption	Decision
Minor	Low impact cosmetic/rare edge	UI alignment; minor text; non-blocking sort issue	Limited	Can defer

## 4. Triage Workflow

1. Step 1: Validate reproducibility in same environment.
2. Step 2: Classify severity (Critical/Major/Minor) with rationale.
3. Step 3: Identify impacted module(s) + downstream effects (Payments→Orders→Reports).
4. Step 4: Assign owner + target fix sprint.
5. Step 5: Decide release impact: Block/Hotfix/Defer.
6. Step 6: Verify fix in QA; re-run impacted regression; close with evidence.

## 5. SLAs and Aging Rules

Severity	Acknowledge	Fix Start	Verify/Close Target
Critical	<2 hours	<1 day	<2 days
Major	<1 day	<3 days	<5 days
Minor	<3 days	Scheduled	Scheduled

Aging rule: any Critical open > 24 hours triggers escalation to Engineering Lead + PO.

## 6. Root Cause & Leakage Tracking

Root cause categories:

- Requirements gap
- Design flaw
- Implementation bug
- Data issue
- Environment/config
- Automation gap

Leakage stages (where defect was found): Dev, QA, Staging/UAT, Production.

## 7. Communication & Escalation

Trigger	Notify	Meeting	Decision Output
Critical payment/RBAC/allergy defect	Eng Lead + PO + QA	Immediate triage	Hotfix/Block/Rollback
3+ critical defects in same module	Eng Lead + PO	Risk review	Scope reduction; stabilization sprint
Staging UAT blocker	PO + Stakeholders	UAT sync	Re-plan; defer scope

## **8. Defect Ticket Template (Copy/Paste)**

Title: [Module] – [Issue] – [Env]

Build/Version: \_\_\_\_ Environment: Dev/QA/Staging

Role/User: \_\_\_\_ Severity: Critical/Major/Minor Regression: Yes/No

Steps to Reproduce: 1) ... 2) ... 3) ...

Expected Result: ...

Actual Result: ...

Evidence: screenshots/logs/link

Impact: who/what is affected; downstream modules

Notes: correlation id / transaction id (payments); DB check results (if applicable)

## **Supporting Analysis References (Framework Docs)**

- 01\_Agile\_Operating\_Model\_v3.docx – Operating cadence, teams, CI/CD gates
- 02\_Epics\_and\_Features\_v3.docx – Module scope and backlog structure
- 03\_User\_Stories\_v3.docx – Sample story formats + acceptance criteria patterns
- 04\_Kanban\_Board\_Structure\_v3.docx – WIP/SLAs/flow metrics
- 05\_Lean\_Principles\_Application\_v3.docx – Lean practices + evidence artifacts
- 06\_PI\_Planning\_Simulation\_v3.docx – 6-sprint PI plan + dependency matrix
- 07\_Quality\_Governance\_Model\_v3.docx – Exit criteria + Go/No-Go matrix
- 08\_Metrics\_and\_Reportin\_g\_v3.docx – KPI dictionary + charts