

Seafood New Zealand

COVID-19

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Moving to alert level 2

Yesterday, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, announced the nation will move to alert level 2 at 11.59 pm on Wednesday.

The move to level 2 will use a phased approach, with cafes, restaurants and other retail outlets opening on Thursday 14 May, schools resuming on 18 May and bars opening from 21 May.

Gatherings will be limited to 10 people for the first 2 weeks, after which the Government will review.

However, in all commercial situations, risk mitigation must be implemented, including physical distancing, strict health and hygiene requirements and contact tracing.

People must also take responsibility for social distancing while in public.

In terms of what that means for the seafood sector, Seafood New Zealand have been advised that MPI are working with WorkSafe to develop appropriate guidance for primary sector businesses.

As soon as we receive this, we will provide further information on what is required to operate at level 2.

The [WorkSafe website](#) is a good source of information to start with.

For those of you who operate retail outlets, you will be able to open your stores to receive customers inside, providing you can do so safely.

WorkSafe also have good information for how retail businesses can operate safely at level 2. You can find this information [here](#).

Trade credit insurance

Seafood New Zealand has been advised that Treasury's New Zealand Export Credit (NZCE) have streamlined their processes for providing 'top-up' trade credit insurance.

Where an exporter is unable to obtain a full credit limit from its private insurer, NZEC is now able to add an additional limit of up to \$1m.

You can find more information, including how to access this, [here](#).

Maritime New Zealand update #30 & 31

This is an update for the maritime industry on COVID-19/Coronavirus to inform your decisions and actions.

Alert level 2 - National

Information on what life and business will look like at alert level 2 can be found [here](#).

Alert level 2 - Travel

The high-level settings for transport at AL2 can now be found on the [Ministry of Transport website](#).

Maritime NZ

Maritime New Zealand are preparing further information and guidance to assist with the industry transition to lower COVID-19 alert levels, for example, supporting contact tracing. This will be offered in a future Maritime Industry update and uploaded on our website in due course.

International

Below are documents which may be of interest to industry.

One is an [IMO circular on crew change protocols](#) together with a supporting message from the International Chamber of Shipping. The IMO recognise the primacy of its member states in managing their borders, and New Zealand's Border Advisory 19, remains valid.

The other is the latest [IMO circular on PPE](#).

Transition to lower Alert Levels

New Zealand will safely move to alert level 2 as of 11.59pm, Wednesday 13 May.

Cabinet has decided to phase in some aspects of AL2 in order to manage the risk of stepping down alert levels.

Under the first phase of AL2, gatherings can have up to 10 people. This applies to wedding ceremonies, funerals and tangihanga, religious ceremonies, gatherings at home and each group within a restaurant or other venue. This is a temporary measure that will be reviewed in two weeks' time. It does not apply to large public venues, or playing professional sports, which are controlled environments.

Until 21 May, venues like cafes, restaurants, bars and clubs are restricted to opening for dining. Groups of 10 are to be seated separately and each table is to be tended to by a single server.

More information on AL2 restrictions can be found [here](#).

Latest Border Advisory

The Ministry of Health (MoH) has issued a further border advisory (Number 20). This can be found [here](#).

This Border Advisory includes the following information:

- Update on the current situation - update on numbers
- New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Level – updated to refer to Alert Levels 3 and 2
- Current border measures – updated as the Order was extended to 22 June 2020
- Entry and exit screening at international airports – no change
- Exemptions to managed isolation – no change
- Advice to persons transiting through New Zealand to another country – no change
- Advice for air and marine crew – updated advice for aircrew on Ministry website
- Yachts and pleasure craft – no change (clarification provided 29 April 2020 incorporated)

The MNZ COVID 19 response team is contactable via MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz ; please contact us via this email address with any concerns or questions.

Stay safe – unite against COVID19

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards,

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Nō te rere moana Aotearoa

Key contacts

Subsidies and assistance

The government has implemented a number of support packages for businesses to help get through the COVID-19 crisis, including wage subsidies. Information on support packages for businesses, including wage subsidies can be [found here](#).

The wage subsidy application form can be [found here](#).

Ministry for Primary Industries

Operators looking to register as an essential service or with essential service-related queries must contact MPI directly:

Ph: 0800 00 83 33

Email: info@mpi.govt.nz

Maritime New Zealand

For any maritime questions or concerns, please contact the MNZ COVID-19 response team:

Email: MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz

FishServe

FishServe is operating as normal, with a helpline available for all FishServe-related queries. You can also fill out their [online form](#).

Ph: 04 460 9555

Email: helpline@fishserve.co.nz

Seafood New Zealand

The latest COVID-19 updates and resources can be found on Seafood New Zealand's industry website. For further enquiries contact us on:

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