

# Seafood New Zealand

# COVID-19

## Update

### 26 March 2020

Seafood New Zealand is continuing discussions at the highest level with the Ministry for Primary Industries, and as conditions or decisions change we will notify you as soon as we know. We can confirm that the guidelines circulated yesterday remain valid.

### Key services

MPI has published a list of key services permitted to operate during the COVID-19 level 4 lock down period.

This list of key services can be [viewed here](#).

Please note, this is **not** a comprehensive list of businesses that qualify.

For your guidance, Seafood New Zealand has prepared a list of industry services that may qualify, including but not limited to:

- Essential supplies to vessels: bait, diesel, fuel oil, victuals (provisions)
  - Fishing entities
  - Stevedoring, revictualing
  - Net makers, chandlers, marine engineers and electricians (for necessary repairs and maintenance only)
  - Seafood processing
  - Packaging
  - Cold storage
  - Retail and export transport
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# Face masks and PPE

There is currently high demand for supplies of facemasks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

New Zealand Uniforms have indicated they have a supplier and can source face masks and other PPE. NZ Uniforms sales and account manager Shaun Crockford is happy and willing to help and would like you to contact him directly if you would like to order supplies.

However, you will need to get in quick!

**Email:** [shaun.crockford@nzuniforms.com](mailto:shaun.crockford@nzuniforms.com)

**Ph:** 021 702 557

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# Essential worker travel ID

Police have indicated they will be taking measures to keep the supply chain flowing while keeping people off the street. There may be checks in place during this lockdown period to ensure people are travelling only for essential business purposes.

Therefore, if you haven't done so already, please provide your staff with:

- A letter of authorisation on the company letterhead
- **Or** a company ID card
- **Or** a business card with the company's logo
- **Or** a copy of an email from a company manager.

The employee should carry this with them while travelling to and from work.

The document should identify:

- Their name
  - The name of the company or employer
  - That the company or employer is an essential business under the primary industries, including food and beverage production and processing category
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# Air freight

The Seafood Standards Council have been advised of the following air freight options.

## Immediate export requirements – next four weeks:

- New Zealand Trade and Enterprise is supporting co-ordination of some additional flights to deliver freight capacity. Exporters or freight forwarders interested in using this capacity should contact [myfreight@nzte.govt.nz](mailto:myfreight@nzte.govt.nz) setting out type of goods, quantity, New Zealand shipping port, overseas destination port and frequency. A case should also be made as to why these goods should be freighted, including what will happen if they are not.
- Importers requiring urgent supplies with high-priority goods such as medical supplies which they are unable to organise shipment of should also contact [myfreight@nzte.govt.nz](mailto:myfreight@nzte.govt.nz), setting out the same information as required for exporters.
- NZTE will deal with airlines directly on this – approaches from airlines are not required under this initiative.

Please don't hesitate to contact Seafood Standards manager Cathy Webb should you have any questions or require further information.

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**Ph:** 027 474 7033

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## Sealord COVID-19 protocols

Sealord has provided access to its most up-to-date COVID-19 protocols.

Access to these can be [found here](#).

If you intend to share or forward this information, please include the following message from Sealord's chief operating officer Doug Paulin and his signature block.

*Kia Ora Koutou*

*Sealord is aware that a number of businesses are currently working through what COVID-19 means to them both generally and under the upcoming alert level 4 requirements. We*

*do not pretend that we understand everything nor that everything we do is perfect however having worked in smaller businesses I know that sometimes it is helpful to have other documents to look at and think about as you prepare your own responses. The attached link will take you to a folder that has our current protocols and I will have updated documents put in from time to time. Feel free to copy (without our logo) or use for driving your own thinking or chuck it in the bin. Please note this is not meant to be exhaustive nor is it legal advice and you should always:*

- *do your own thinking as to whether it fits your business*
- *do your own due diligence*

*Kia Kaha and best wishes to everyone during these uncertain times.*

Nga Mihi



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## Maritime New Zealand update #15

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

As you will be aware at 12:21pm yesterday a nationwide state of national emergency was declared under section 66 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002. This is to manage the spread of COVID-19 within New Zealand. This remains in place initially for seven days, and can be extended.

The state of national emergency applies to all of New Zealand, including the Chatham Islands, Stewart Island, and other offshore islands.

The Government has taken this step because of the unprecedented nature of this global pandemic. The pandemic requires a significant and coordinated response by and across central and local government.

The maritime industry may wish to reflect on the potential impact of the state of national emergency to their operations seeking their own legal advice as necessary. Points for consideration may be the empowering of the Medical Officer of Health to utilise powers under the Health Act 1956 sections 70 and 71, (triggered by the national state of emergency), and also [Part 4 of that Act](#) in relation to quarantine. See also <https://gazette.govt.nz/notice/id/2020-go1368>.

The declaration of a state of national emergency is one part of government's response to COVID-19. It sits alongside the use of powers under the Health Act, the Immigration Act, the Public Finance Act and others, all of which are designed to ensure our health services, emergency services, utilities and goods transport, and other essential services, operations and staff, can remain up and running.

The state of emergency and the potential use of powers are proportionate to the risks we face. It is clear that we all must have a common sense of purpose, a shared responsibility and aim in defeating the spread of this virus to keep ourselves, and those dear to us, safe.

The MNZ COVID 19 response team is contactable via [MNZCovid-19@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto: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,

**Simon Gooder**

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Maritime New Zealand COVID 19 Response Team - **Working from home**

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## MPI queries

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](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz)

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## FishServe queries

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](mailto:helpline@fishserve.co.nz)



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