

Seafood New Zealand

COVID-19

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Seafood New Zealand is continuing discussions at the highest level with the Ministry for Primary Industries. We will continue to notify you as and when conditions or decisions change.

Updated guidance

Seafood New Zealand has updated its seafood industry [guidance at alert level 3](#) to include the latest government advice for managing staff who are in higher-risk categories and ensuring their safety if returning to work. You can find this in the **Safe Operations/Staff Eligibility** section of the guide. All changes are highlighted.

We are also working with MPI to clarify the operational requirements for seafood businesses so that companies can prepare for an eventual move to alert level 2. We will provide this information as soon as we can.

You can find our [updated guidance here](#).

Maritime New Zealand update #27 & 28

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

Commercial activities at AL3

Information from Maritime NZ on commercial activities at AL3 can be [found here](#).

Recreational water activities at AL3

Guidance on recreational water activities at AL3 is listed on [Maritime NZ's website](#). It is requested that industry note and share this with the recreational community.

Shore Leave

Maritime NZ forwarded the Ministry of Health's Border Advisory 19 in its 26th Maritime Industry Update (24 April). This Border Advisory prompted enquiries for clarity on the granting of shore leave to seafarers on foreign flag vessels in New Zealand ports.

The Ministry of Health has offered clarity:

What it means is that once the crew have completed 14 days from their last port (or crew change at sea, if this occurred) then the restrictions will be whatever are currently in place for New Zealand, currently Alert Level 4 but changing to Alert Level 3 on Monday night.

So yes, if the marine crew(s) are not under any specific restriction due to recent overseas travel, or COVID19 cases, or close contact of a case, then they are able to go ashore within the restrictions of Level 4, and in the future Level 3.

Yacht arrivals

The Ministry of Health (MoH) has also clarified the current status of border restrictions for private yachts and pleasure craft:

"In Ministry of Health Border Advisory 19 dated 24 April 2020 (attached [to our Maritime Industry Update 026]) information was provided on the process that would be followed if yachts and pleasure craft are given approval to arrive in New Zealand.

It has come to our attention that this information is being circulated through various channels to the pleasure craft and yachting communities in a way that indicates that the New Zealand borders are open as usual to yachts and superyachts. This is not correct.

Arrivals on superyachts and pleasure craft are not exempt from the current border closure.

New Zealand's border is currently closed to almost all travellers to help stop the spread of

COVID-19. Effectively, the New Zealand border is closed for all but essential travel. Only New Zealand citizens and residents, as well as some other specified travellers, are permitted to enter New Zealand without having to apply for an exception.

Visa waiver crew (including Australian citizens not resident in New Zealand) travelling on superyachts and pleasure craft are not exempt from the closure of New Zealand's border, and current immigration instructions state they must be refused entry permission unless they meet one of the exceptions.

More information on current immigration policy, including the process to apply for an exception to the border closure can be found on Immigration New Zealand's website."

Border Advisory 19 can be [found here](#).

Information on border controls can be [viewed here](#).

Treasury support

The Treasury advised a new package of support for small to medium-sized enterprises would be announced last Friday, along with changes to the business finance guarantee scheme. These are likely to be of interest to maritime operators. Information may be found on the [COVID 19 website](#).

Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020

The Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020 can be [found here](#). The Order provides useful information for alert level 3. Clause 4 (2) of The Health Act (COVID-19 Alert Level 3) Order 2020 also mentions guidance from Maritime NZ.

On 30 April [an amendment](#) was made to this order to allow people to leave their home or residence to care for their pets or other animals, and to clarify recreational hunting or killing of game birds is prohibited.

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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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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