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Guidance for operating at alert level 2

Seafood New Zealand has been working with the Ministry for Primary Industries to finalise guidance for seafood businesses operating at level 2.

The level 2 guide can be found here.

Airfreight

Air New Zealand has announced additional domestic air freight capacity to help producers in the South Island connect with the international air freight options out of Auckland.

It will fly its 787 aircraft between Christchurch and Auckland three times per week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; with the aim of meeting connections with cargo flights to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Narita and Shanghai, as well as the trans-Tasman flights.

The Ministry of Transport has also announced details of the International Airfreight Capacity (IAFC) scheme, to maintain air freight links with global markets.

Phase one adds 56 weekly flights from New Zealand on Emirates, Air New Zealand, China Airlines, Freightways Express, Qantas and Tasman Cargo.

More flights will be added as the scheme expands.
Maritime New Zealand updates #32, 33, 34

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

The state of national emergency expired on Wednesday. **A National Transition Period is now in place for all of New Zealand owing to the impacts of COVID-19.**

The National Transition Period came into force at 12.21pm when the state of national emergency expired and will remain in place for 90 days unless extended or terminated earlier.

This does not change the COVID-19 Alert Level.

Read [more here](#).

**Summary of alert level 2 information**

Updated tables regarding alert level 2 restrictions and measures are now available on the COVID-19 website.

The alert level summary can be found [here](#).

A detailed alert level document is available [here](#).

**Alert level 2 Order**

The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level 2) Order 2020 was made last night.

This order is made in accordance with sections 9 and 11 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (see below) by the Minister of Health.

Clause 3 of the order states:

"The purpose of this order is to prevent, and limit the risk of, the outbreak or spread of COVID-19 by putting in place obligations in relation to businesses and services, and gatherings."

The Order can be found [here](#).

It may be noted that, contrary to some earlier speculation or expectations, no time limitations are specified within the Order for the duration of gatherings or activities.
COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020
This Act may be found here.

The suite of COVID-19 legislation may be found on the Parliamentary Council Office website.

Ministry of Health position statements
Five position statements relating to alert level 2 have been issued by the Ministry of Health regarding inter-regional travel, hygiene, record keeping, PPE and physical distancing.

You can find these statements here:

- Inter-regional travel
- Hygiene
- Physical distancing
- Record keeping
- PPE

Transport at alert level 2
The Ministry of Transport has provided information for alert level 2.

Additionally, the COVID-19 website provides a business toolkit that includes resources such as contact tracing forms, posters, signs and decals to assist industry in managing their businesses.

This can be found here.

Worksafe
Worksafe NZ has also offered information at alert level 2.

This includes a template for safety plans.

International - IMO
An IMO circular dated 6 May offers guidelines on managing the ship shore interface during COVID-19.

Most, if not all, of the guidelines have been adopted already in New Zealand. Read the IMO here.

Border Controls
There is no change to border controls. The New Zealand border remains closed as previously advised.

Maritime NZ guidelines
Maritime New Zealand information for operating at level 2 and supporting contact tracing can be found here. At alert level 2, Maritime NZ offices will not be open to the public until further notice and many Maritime NZ staff continue to work from home.

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

Stay safe – unite against COVID-19

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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