Seafood New Zealand

COVID-19
Update 18

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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 FAQs and Guides

Seafood New Zealand has updated its FAQs in preparation for the move to alert level 3 on Tuesday.

These FAQs now include answers to some of the more recent questions we’ve been asked, such as whether you need to register at alert level 3 (no, you don’t) and what you need to do if you are resuming operations but did not operate at level 4.

Read the updated FAQs here.

COVID-19 Innovation Acceleration Fund

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment has launched a $13.6 million fund to accelerate innovative solutions around COVID-19.

If you are a New Zealand company that can deploy services, products or processes - that have already been largely researched - but need a financial boost to become operational, you should consider this Innovation Acceleration Fund.
Online orders

Seafood New Zealand has received a great amount of positive feedback from the public on the companies offering online orders and delivery.

Be sure to check out our Seafood NZ's Facebook page, or our website to see which companies are offering this service.

We know they are really busy and thank them for going the extra mile.

Maritime New Zealand update #25

On Monday it was announced that New Zealand will stay at alert level 4 until 23.59 on Monday 27 April, at which point the nation will transition to alert level 3.

Government also permitted business to safely start getting ready to open. Read the full order here.

The alert level 4 restrictions on movement and isolation have been amended and will expire on 27 April.

Full details can be found on the Ministry of Health website.

Maritime New Zealand’s 24th update pointed you towards the Worksafe website for transition to alert level 3. The Ministry of Transport has since issued alert level 3 information which can be found here.

MNZ has also issued a general guideline on COVID-19 impacts and interim measures.
Industry members affected by temporary exemptions to two Maritime Rules regulating lifting appliances on foreign ships operating in New Zealand waters, have also been notified. Details can be found here.

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

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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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Email: info@seafood.org.nz