9 June 2020

Alert level 1

We are now at alert level 1.

This means everyone can return to work, school, sports, events, domestic travel, and can socialise with as many people as they like, without restrictions.

This is fantastic news as we know many of you made significant changes to your businesses at considerable cost in order to continue operating and to keep your people employed and safe during this time.

The only restrictions that remain are around our borders. It remains closed to almost all travellers arriving into New Zealand.

New Zealand citizens and residents may return but will be subject to restrictions upon entry, including health screening, testing and a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

No other foreign traveller can enter New Zealand, unless they have been granted an exemption prior to travel. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by Immigration New Zealand.

However, the global pandemic is not over and so it is still important that everyone continue to follow good health and hygiene practices.

Here are the Government’s Golden Rules at alert level 1:

1. If you’re sick, stay home. Don’t go to work or school. Don’t socialise
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate, you must do so immediately
6. If you’re concerned about your wellbeing or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy
7. Keep track of where you’ve been and who you’ve seen to help contact tracing if needed. Using the ‘NZ COVID Tracer app’ is a handy way of doing this
8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up alert levels if required.
10. People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you’re feeling — it’s okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself

Getting to alert level 1 is great news, however the world has taken a huge financial hit which will likely take considerable time to recover.

Various packages designed to assist with our recovery have been announced by the NZ Government, including support for trade, training and creating job opportunities.

Seafood New Zealand is working with the various agencies involved and will provide more detail as soon as we can.

In the interim you can find more detail on the Government’s ‘Unite for Recovery’ website here.

Seafood New Zealand signing-off

Seafood New Zealand are signing off on what we hope will be our last ever COVID-19 update.

We thank you for your support, positive feedback and collaboration during such unprecedented times.

For those of you who normally receive Seafood Standards Council news and updates, keep an eye out for our new-look newsletter in your inboxes soon.

As always, if you have any questions or require assistance in anyway, please don’t hesitate to contact Cathy Webb or the SNZ team:
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