

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.

Air freight support

Seafood New Zealand expect more air freight options will be available by the end of April.

The Government, through the Ministry of Transport, have undertaken a Request for Proposal (RFP) process designed to increase capacity.

This will allow air freight providers to receive grants, or potentially other forms of financial support, that enable them to deliver freight capacity on key routes to the market that would otherwise be uneconomic.

This additional capacity will be offered to importers and exporters and will require the prioritisation of critical imports (including medicines, medical equipment and machinery used in production) and high value exports.

Both types of funding come from the COVID-19 aviation package.

The RFP application process closed on Friday, with applicants expected to be notified of the outcome soon. Contract finalisation is expected from 21 April with an increase in capacity before the end of April.

In the interim, NZTE is continuing to support the coordination of flights, with almost daily flights scheduled from Auckland to Shanghai and weekly flights from Auckland to Houston. More could be added based on logistics and demand.

Anyone interested in using this capacity, or wanting to register interest in other routes, should email myfreight@nzte.govt.nz.

PPE suppliers

Seafood New Zealand now has information on PPE suppliers, including a new Ministry of Health portal, on its [website](#).

[This list](#) will be updated regularly, with new suppliers added once we hear of them.

Maritime New Zealand update #18

Maritime New Zealand has been invited to share advice from the Infection Control Advisor at the National Health Coordination Centre:

“The health advice on the essential non-health worker list is unchanged at this point for Maritime Pilots. That is hand hygiene (as always) use of a surgical mask if unable to maintain a distance greater than 1 metre. We would also say to any industry or worker in this list (below) that if there are existing health and safety protocols needed to be followed due to the nature of your work, then you should continue to follow these as per normal practice.”

More MoH information on PPE can be [found here](#).

Some reminders of key information sources:

- [Government](#)
- [Ministry of Health](#)
- [Transport Essential services](#)
- [Maritime NZ](#) (includes email contacts for more specific enquiries).
- [Maritime NZ's general exemptions](#)

Increasingly important

Please share this message with others – particularly with those individuals who act without regard to the potential consequences of their actions.

“Skippers of recreational vessels are urged to play their part in the fight against COVID-19 by staying home as the nation unites to beat the spread of the virus. Reports that many people are still taking to the water to go recreational boating, swimming, fishing, surfing, kayaking or doing other non-essential activities – despite the Government’s clear message to stay home – are being irresponsible and putting lives at risk,” [said Maritime New Zealand director, Keith Manch](#). See also Edition 67 of Seachange - epublications@maritimenz.govt.nz

We encourage you to keep checking the Ministry of Health’s website for new COVID information.

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 COVID19

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards,

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

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Nō te rere moana Aotearoa

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:

Ph: 04 385 4005

Email: info@seafood.org.nz

