

# Seafood New Zealand

# COVID-19

## Update 13

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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.

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## **COVID-19 verifications**

MPI have conducted over 4000 COVID-19 verifications over the past couple of weeks, including some seafood operations. Pleasingly, these have gone well with very few issues found. To quote MPI director-general, Ray Smith, said they are pleased with compliance levels.

Well done and keep up the fantastic work.

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## **Freight**

A quick report from the trade meeting this week. The current status for sea freight is positive with international shipping lines remaining operational. There have been no reports of any significant delays at ports (internationally) for clearing goods. The supply of reefer containers is being monitored and the forecast has not identified any future constraints in supply.

In terms of air freight, [NZTE have a list of scheduled international flights](#), along with a price schedule and charter flight options available.

As always, please contact [cathy.webb@seafood.org.nz](mailto:cathy.webb@seafood.org.nz) if you are having any trade or market related issues.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter.

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## MOSS surveys/inspections

Maritime New Zealand are providing alternative options to meet requirements for vessels in MOSS.

If your vessel is in MOSS and requires one of the following surveys or inspections before 30 June 2020, [download these guidelines](#) to find out how this will apply:

- Out-of-water survey
- A Certificate of Survey (CoS)
- load line surveys
- IOPP annual/intermediate surveys
- Annual thorough examinations of lifting appliances (including cargo or vehicle lifts and vehicle ramps) and loose cargo gear
- MLC intermediate inspections

Please visit [Maritime NZ's website](#) for the latest updates.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

**Ph:** 04 385 4005

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