

June 30, 2020

Notice to Vessels entering Port of Lyttelton

COVID-19 Update

The Government has issued a new Order under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act. This order places new restrictions on border control at the maritime border.

For crew to disembark from vessels for shore leave, they must have been at sea for at least 28 days or have completed 14 days isolation after the vessel arrived in New Zealand waters. Further criteria and approvals are then required before shore leave can occur – please see below, or further details at <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/border-advisory-26june20.pdf> .

Please note that ships' crew are required to wear face masks and maintain a safe distance if they need to interact with LPC staff.

Increased border controls

It is critically important that we all work together to protect New Zealanders from COVID-19 and play our part in the global effort to contain it. From tomorrow, the following border controls are in place:

1. **For all international vessels arriving after 23:59 on June 30, shore leave for vessel crews is prohibited unless they have remained in isolation for 14 days after arriving in New Zealand waters.** Vessels can be exempted this requirement if the following criteria are met:
 - the ship has been at sea for at least **28 consecutive days** AND
 - during that time no person has had contact with any other persons other than those people who were on board the ship when it most recently departed AND
 - Customs and Excise Act 2018 requirements have been adhered to AND
 - **the medical officer of health or health protection officer is reasonably satisfied that no persons on board have displayed symptoms of COVID-19.**
2. Crew will be required to wear face masks and maintain a safe distance if they need to interact with LPC staff.
3. Crew may leave the vessel to complete essential tasks close to the vessel (for example maintenance, safety checks or rigging gangways), or to receive medical assistance or legal representation. Crew must wear PPE and maintain safe distancing.
4. All inbound vessels are required to complete an updated LPC Advance Notice Form and return it to LPC's Marine Pilots a minimum of 12 hours before arrival.

Thank you for your continued support in this process. As we expect border restrictions to be in place for some time, we expect the LPC COVID-19 Advance Notice Form process to be in place for the foreseeable future.