

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ACT 2020

SECTION 18 AUTHORISATION

1. In accordance with section 18 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (“the Act”), I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield as Director-General of the Ministry of Health, authorise inspectors appointed under section 163 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, who are employed by WorkSafe New Zealand (“WorkSafe Inspectors”), to carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer as further described in this authorisation.
2. I am satisfied that WorkSafe Inspectors are suitably qualified and trained persons.
3. Subject to paragraph 4, I authorise WorkSafe Inspectors to carry out all the functions and powers of an enforcement officer under the Act.
4. A WorkSafe Inspector may carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer set out in paragraph 3 of this authorisation in respect of work and workplaces for which WorkSafe New Zealand is the regulator under section 189 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
5. This authorisation will take effect from 20 December 2021 and will continue to apply until **31 December 2022**, unless earlier revoked in accordance with section 18(4) of the Act.

Dated at Wellington ____ December 2021

Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Director-General of Health