

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 Customs Officers (as defined in section 5 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018), who are employed or engaged by the New Zealand Customs Service (“Customs”), to carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer as further described in this authorisation.
2. I am satisfied that Customs Officers are suitably qualified and trained persons.
3. Subject to paragraph 4, I authorise Customs Officers to carry out the following functions and powers of an enforcement officer under the Act:
 - a. the power to enter any land, buildings, craft, vehicle, place, or thing under section 20;
 - b. the power to give directions under section 21; and
 - c. the power to direct persons to provide identifying information under section 23.
4. A Customs Officer may carry out powers and functions of an enforcement officer set out in paragraph 3 of this authorisation in respect of the following actions for the purpose of assisting in the implementation and enforcement of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Maritime Border) Order 2020 (Order) (or any order that modifies, replaces or corresponds to that order):
 - a. maintaining the security of entry and exit points in relation to ports and ships that have arrived in New Zealand, as required;
 - b. provide information and engage with people to ensure they understand the isolation/quarantine rules in relation to the Order;
 - c. monitor and, if necessary, direct the movement of persons at ports and on ships; and
 - d. monitor compliance at ports and on ships in relation to people disembarking, physical distancing rules, and rules in relation to wearing personal protection equipment.
5. This authorisation will take effect from **27 August 2020** and will continue to apply until **31 May 2021**, unless earlier revoked in accordance with section 18(4) of the Act.
6. Any previous authorisations to Customs Officers are herein revoked and superseded by this authorisation.

Dated at Wellington ____ August 2020

Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Director-General of Health