



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 who are engaged or employed by the New Zealand Customs Service (“Customs”), and who:
 - a. graduate the Maritime Border Order – Officer Induction and Training Course; and
 - b. are authorised to carry out functions of a Customs Officer in accordance with section 271 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 (C&E Act)to carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer as further described in this authorisation.
2. I am satisfied that the persons described in paragraph 1 are suitably qualified and trained persons.
3. Subject to paragraph 4, I authorise persons described in paragraph 1 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;
 - c. the power to direct persons to provide identifying information under section 23; and
 - d. the power to direct persons to produce evidence of compliance with a specified measure under section 23A.
4. A person described in paragraph 1 may carry out the 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 (No 2) 2020 (Order) (or any order that modifies, replaces or corresponds to that order):
 - a. checking compliance with COVID-19 vaccination requirements at the maritime border, in relation to people arriving in New Zealand;
 - b. maintaining the security of entry and exit points in relation to ports and ships that have arrived in New Zealand, as required; and
 - c. monitor and, if necessary, direct the movement of persons at ports and on ships.
5. This authorisation will take effect from **1 August 2022** and will continue to apply until **31 December 2022**, unless earlier revoked in accordance with section 18(4) of the Act.

6. I revoke the authorisation granted to the persons described in paragraph 1, dated 17 December 2021 from 1 August 2022.

Dated at Wellington ____ July 2022

Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Director-General of Health