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Application form: exemption for vessels to enter New Zealand for humanitarian reasons or other compelling needs

Foreign vessels are not permitted to arrive in New Zealand unless they meet one of the exemption criteria specified under clause 10 of the [COVID-19 Public Health Response \(Maritime Border\) Order 2020](#).

Please complete the following form to request an exemption from prohibition under the Maritime Border Order, **for humanitarian reasons or other compelling needs**.

The vessel will only be allowed into New Zealand if it has been granted permission by the Ministry of Health, and Immigration New Zealand.

Once completed, please email this form to applyformaritimeexemption@health.govt.nz with any supporting documents.

Immigration New Zealand has advised that crew cannot enter New Zealand until the vessel applies for and is granted an exemption to the maritime border prohibitions and any crew who require visas have applied for and been granted the appropriate visas.

If granted an exemption for the vessel to enter New Zealand from the Director-General of Health, please attach a copy of the exemption approval as proof to support the crew visa applications to Immigration New Zealand.¹

1 Date of Application

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¹ INZ 1350 see: www.immigration.govt.nz/documents/forms-and-guides/inz-1350-approval-for-marine-crew.pdf

2 Applicant name and contact details. Please include relationship of applicant to vessel (e.g. master)

3 Provide details of the vessel (name, flag state, size and where applicable IMO identification number)

4 Provide details of the vessel's crew (names, number of crew on board, nationalities)

5 What is the crew's current state of health and what measures have been/will be taken to ensure they are not infected with COVID-19?

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Provide the vessel's voyage history over the last 30 days including:

- the last port and date of departure prior to arriving in New Zealand
- the vessel's current port
- whether there has been any contact outside of the vessel before coming to New Zealand, for example bunkering or crew changes
- the intended port and date of arrival in New Zealand, if the exemption is granted

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What are the 'humanitarian reasons or other compelling needs' that require the granting of an exemption for the vessel to enter New Zealand?

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If the vessel is not granted permission to enter New Zealand, what is your next best alternative to arriving in New Zealand?

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If granted permission to enter New Zealand, the vessel's crew will need to self-isolate on the vessel for up to 14 days after arriving in New Zealand. Please provide your detailed isolation plan and ATTACH the completed checklist 'Planning for Maritime Crew Self-Isolating on their Vessel', see <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-resources-border-sector/covid-19-maritime-sector#exemption-documents>

How do you plan to self-isolate in New Zealand if the exemption is granted?² Please provide your detailed self-isolation plan below

If you are unable to self-isolate on the vessel, please indicate this and the reason why. Please note that any requested stay in managed isolation will be dealt with on a case by case basis between the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Managed isolation capacity is often at a premium and cannot be guaranteed on requested dates.

Checklist 'Planning for Maritime Crew Self-Isolating on their Vessel' attached

² Information about crew intending to leave New Zealand upon disembarking the ship can be found here: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-resources-border-sector/covid-19-maritime-sector#process>

Declaration

I understand the notes and questions in this form and I declare the information given is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I authorise the Ministry of Health to make any enquiries it deems necessary in respect to the documents or information provided in this form and share information provided about me or my business with other government agencies to make decisions on this request for exemption to enter New Zealand.

I authorise the Ministry of Health to share any information contained in the documents provided to New Zealand Customs and other border agencies for the purposes of ensuring safe quarantine/isolation.

I understand the Ministry of Health and other government agencies as required can visit the vessel and/or place of crew self-isolation for inspection purposes, prior to and at any time after arrival during the isolation period.

Name/Signature: _____ Date:

Title and role: _____

(e.g. ship operator, ship management company, authorised agent)