

RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA RELATING TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Updated on 5 March 2020

On 5 March 2020, the Australian Government announced that the current enhanced border measures for mainland China and Iran will be extended.

Advice relating to travel restrictions for [the Republic of Korea](#)

Updated on 5 March 2020

From 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020, the Australian Government will implement changes to travel arrangements for people who have recently been in the Republic of Korea.

Effective 5 March 2020 at 2100 AEDST, foreign nationals who are in the Republic of Korea on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020, will not be allowed to enter Australia for 14 days, from the time they have left or transited through the Republic of Korea.

Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family, legal guardians and spouses will be exempt from these measures, but will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days from their arrival into Australia.

The Australian Border Force (ABF), working with partner agencies, will establish advanced screening and reception arrangements to facilitate identification of those individuals to whom these measures apply.

The ABF acknowledges the impact this will have on operations and travel plans. The following arrangements are now in place:

All vessel masters will be required to answer the following health screening questions as part of their entry reporting:

1. Has the vessel been in the Republic of Korea on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020?
2. Has any person on the vessel been in the Republic of Korea on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020?

ABF and Biosecurity officers remain responsible for border clearance processes. Vessels that report ill persons will undergo a human health inspection by a Biosecurity Officer on arrival in Australia, and before the vessel is granted pratique.

Arrangements for vessels from the Republic of Korea

Vessels that report persons who have been in the Republic of Korea on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020 are subject to additional restrictions outlined in this document.

For Commercial Vessels that departed the Republic of Korea on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020

- All crew will remain on-board while the vessel is berthed in Australia.
- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
- The restrictions above apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel or any person on-board left the Republic of Korea.

For Commercial Vessels with crew joining from the Republic of Korea

- Where a commercial vessel has crew joining the vessel and that crew have travelled to or transited through the Republic of Korea on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020, all crew are to remain on-board the vessel.
- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
- The restrictions above apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel or any person on-board left the Republic of Korea.

For Maritime Industry

- Industry members engaging with commercial maritime vessels subject to the restrictions outlined above should consider the use of personal protective equipment.
- Maritime Pilots will be provided personal protective equipment for the initial engagement with those vessels subject to restrictions.

Local Port Authority

The requirements outlined in this document are required to facilitate border clearance of vessels and their crew. Local port authorities may have additional requirements over and above those outlined.

For general information concerning the Novel Coronavirus please refer to the Department of Health website (<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>)

The ABF appreciates your ongoing support and cooperation during this time.

Enhanced screening measures for travellers who have left or transited through Italy

Updated on 5 March 2020

Effective 5 March 2020 at 2100 AEDST, the Australian Government will put in place enhanced health screening measures at the border for travellers who have left or transited through Italy on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020.

Arrangements for vessels from Italy or vessels carrying crew who have left or transited through Italy on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020

All vessel masters will be required to answer the following health screening questions as part of their entry reporting:

3. Has the vessel been in Italy on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020?
4. Has any person on the vessel been in Italy on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020?

ABF and Biosecurity officers remain responsible for border clearance processes. Vessels that report ill persons will undergo a human health inspection by a Biosecurity Officer on arrival in Australia, and before the vessel is granted pratique.

Crew who have left or transited through Italy on or after 2100 AEDST 5 March 2020 may be subject to enhanced health screening measures on arrival into Port.

Advice relating to travel restrictions for [Iran](#)

Updated on 29 February 2020

From 1 March 2020, the Australian Government will implement changes to travel arrangements for people travelling to, or returning from Iran, following expert medical advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and the Australian Government's Chief Medical Officer on the outbreak of COVID-19.

Effective 1 March 2020 at 0001 AEDST, foreign nationals who are in Iran on or after 1 March 2020, will not be allowed to enter Australia for 14 days, from the time they have left or transited through Iran.

Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family, legal guardians and spouses will be exempt from these measures, but will be required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days from their arrival into Australia.

The Australian Border Force (ABF), working with partner agencies, will establish advanced screening and reception arrangements to facilitate identification of those individuals to whom these measures apply.

The ABF acknowledges the impact this will have on operations and travel plans. The following arrangements are now in place:

All vessel masters will be required to answer the following health screening questions as part of their entry reporting:

5. Has the vessel been in Iran on or after 1 March 2020?
6. Has any person on the vessel been in Iran on or after 1 March 2020?

ABF and Biosecurity officers remain responsible for border clearance processes. Vessels that report ill persons will undergo a human health inspection by a Biosecurity Officer on arrival in Australia, and before the vessel is granted pratique.

Arrangements for vessels from Iran

Vessels that report persons who have been in Iran on or after 1 March 2020 are subject to additional restrictions outlined in this document.

For Commercial Vessels that departed Iran on or after 1 March 2020

- All crew will remain on-board while the vessel is berthed in Australia.
- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
- The restrictions above apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel or any person on-board left Iran.

For Commercial Vessels with crew joining from Iran

- Where a commercial vessel has crew joining the vessel and that crew have travelled to or transited through Iran on or after 1 March 2020, all crew are to remain on-board the vessel.

- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
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For Maritime Industry

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Advice relating to travel restrictions for [mainland China](#)

Consolidated advice dated 14 February 2020

On 13 February 2020, the Prime Minister of Australia announced that the entry restrictions on foreign nationals who have recently been in mainland China would be extended for a further week from 15 February 2020, to protect Australians from the risk of coronavirus.

The continuation of the travel restrictions means that foreign travellers who have left or transited through mainland China will not be allowed to enter Australia for 14 days from the time they left.

Australian citizens, permanent residents, and their immediate family, legal guardians and spouses, along with New Zealand citizens eligible for a subclass 444 visa who normally reside in Australia, are exempt from these measures.

The Australian Border Force (ABF), working with partner agencies, will continue the advanced screening and reception arrangements to facilitate identification of those individuals to whom these measures apply.

The ABF acknowledges the impact this will have on operations.

All vessel masters will be required to answer the following health screening questions as part of their entry reporting:

7. Has the vessel been in mainland China in the last 14 days?
8. Has any person on the vessel been in mainland China in the last 14 days?

9. Has any person on the vessel been in contact with a proven case of novel coronavirus infection in the last 14 days?

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Vessels that report persons who have been in mainland China in the last 14 days will be subject to additional restrictions outlined in this document.

For Commercial Vessels that departed mainland China in the last 14 days

- All crew will remain on-board while the vessel is berthed in Australia.
- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
- The restrictions above apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel or any person on-board left mainland China.

For Commercial Vessels with crew joining from mainland China

- Where a commercial vessel has crew joining the vessel and that crew have travelled to or transited through mainland China in the last 14 days, all crew are to remain on-board the vessel.
- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
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