



Australian
BORDER FORCE

RESTRICTIONS ON CRUISE SHIPS

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The health, welfare and safety of Australians, both at home and overseas, is the highest priority of the Australian Government.

Today the Government has put in place additional measures relating to the operation of cruise ships in Australia.

- The current restriction on international cruise ship entry into Australia will be extended for a further two months from the end of the current 30-day restriction to **15 June 2020**
- Any cruise ship capable of carrying more than 100 passengers will be prohibited from operating cruises in Australia; and
- All non-Australian flagged cruise ships currently in Australia must depart Australian waters as soon is reasonably practicable, unless the Government has given permission for the ship to remain in Australia. Re-provisioning of essential supplies (fuel, food, supplies) to facilitate departure will be permitted.

If there is a specific reason why a ship needs to remain in Australia, Government permission must be requested. Any permission given will be subject to the ship meeting specified conditions. Approval is to be sought via the Maritime Traveller Processing Committee: mtpc@abf.gov.au

These arrangements are under constant review as the COVID-19 situation evolves, and will be revised based on updated health advice.

Crew Arrangements

- For cruise ships re-provisioning, cruise ship crew are able to disembark to conduct vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while performing these functions.

The Australian Border Force appreciates your ongoing support and cooperation during this time.