

# Aus Ship P&I

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## 2019-2020 CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

### AUSTRALIA'S MARITIME RESPONSE – Update 1 Addendum to Circular 31 January 2020

Further to our previous circular dated 31 January 2020; note that additional/revised measures have now been introduced by the Australian Government to help prevent the risk of Novel Coronavirus [2019-nCov] entering the country.

General advice/information on the Australian Government response virus can be found here: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources> and we continue to recommend ships owners/managers/agents familiarise themselves with these guidelines.

From this week, the Australian Government are implementing enhanced risk assessments on all international vessels calling into Australia:

1. Mandatory pre arrival reporting of human health on board must be undertaken at least 12 hours prior to the vessels arrival into Australian territorial waters.

(The Master must update authorities should the human health status on board the vessel change at any time whilst the vessel is in Australian waters.)

2. If at any time a human health risk is reported, a biosecurity officer will conduct assessments on a case by case basis, and work with national and local health departments to manage risk to the ill persons and other crew, seaport personnel, border staff and health professionals.

Furthermore, most, if not all Australian Port Authorities are expected to implement the following additional regulations for all vessels intending to berth:

3. Masters of all ships due to arrive in Australian Ports are required to declare their last 5 ports of call and confirm that they have no crew members showing symptoms of Novel Coronavirus on-board.
4. Where Novel Coronavirus is evident or suspected, seaport personnel and shore staff will not be required to board the vessel.

5. The Port Authority will delay pilotage services to vessels that have transited directly from China, but which have been at sea for less than the 14 day quarantine (self-isolation) period.

Ship owners/managers/agents with further specific queries are advised to contact [coronavirus@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:coronavirus@agriculture.gov.au) for further information.

As matters concerning Coronavirus continue to develop, please do not hesitate to contact us for the latest developments on the Australian Maritime response.

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Yours sincerely,

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