

MSQ COVID response & Queensland Port Restriction Timeline

DATE	ACTION	PORT/ DETAILS	
30 January	Commenced enhanced VTS Vetting Questioned overseas arrivals 2hrs prior to POB	All QLD Ports	
6 February	14 Day Restriction for arrivals from China.	All QLD Ports	
5 March	14 Day Restriction for arrivals from China. 14 Day Restriction enacted for arrivals from South Korea.	All QLD Ports	
12 March	Restriction on Ships to Thursday Island	Direction issued to all Ships not to disembark passengers or crew in Thursday Island pilotage area.	
16 March	Extension of expiring Pilot License & Pilot Exemption Certificates	Pilot Licenses and Pilotage exemption certificates expiring between 16 March 2020 and 15 September 2020 extended until 16 September 2020.	
18 March	14 Day Restrictive for all overseas Arrivals	All QLD Ports. Exemptions available for PNG, SW Pacific and NZ.	
19 March	Exemptions available for arrivals from Singapore.	All QLD Ports. Singapore added to list.	
23 March	Commenced 'Two Port Policy'	<u>Port of Brisbane</u> Nil restrictions on receiving international trading vessels (excepting 14 Day restriction for China and South Korea)	<u>All other Ports</u> 14 Day restriction on receiving vessels for all countries. Exemptions available for PNG, NZ, SINGAPORE, SW Pacific
24 March	Exemptions available for vessels involved in Livestock trade	Restrictions lifted for Port of Brisbane Nil restrictions on receiving international trading vessels (excepting 14 Day restriction for China and South Korea)	All other Ports 14 Day restriction on receiving vessels for all countries. Exemptions available for PNG, NZ, SINGAPORE, SW Pacific Exemptions available for Livestock trade
25 March	Interstate Border Restrictions Commenced	MSQ commenced supporting QPS for interstate border closure with NSW, SA and NT	
27 March	Essential Maritime Service (EMS) Workers process introduced	Bio Security Act and Local Legislation reduced number of people able to travel to remote regional areas of Far North Queensland. MSQ introduced online process to identify essential maritime workers and ensure these services could still be provided.	

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29 March	Communicated to Boatsafe Providers MSQs position and advice from Department of Health	Home Confinement Direction issued by CHO. MSQ's position and Dept Health advice communicated to BoatSafe Providers to cease operations that are unable to adhere to social distancing guidelines and implement processes to ensure adherence to CHO advice.	
22 April	Suspension of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points	Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points required for renewal of pilot license is suspended until 16 September 2020 to assist pilots amid COVID-19.	
24 April	Additional reporting measures applied for vessel arrivals from Singapore	<u>Port of Brisbane</u> Nil restrictions on receiving international trading vessels (excepting 14 Day restriction for China and South Korea). Additional questions for Singapore arrivals when received within 14 days	All other Ports 14 Day restriction on receiving vessels for all countries. Exemptions available for PNG, NZ, Singapore, SW Pacific Exemptions available for Livestock trade Vessels other than those arriving from China and South Korea can apply for an exemption from the GM MSQ Additional questions for Singapore arrivals when received within 14 days
01 May	Port of Townsville aligns with Port of Brisbane and the 'Two Port Policy'	<u>Port of Brisbane and Port of Townsville</u> Nil restrictions on receiving all international trading vessels (excepting 14 Day restriction for China and South Korea) Additional questions for Singapore arrivals when received within 14 days	<u>All other Ports</u> 14 Day restriction on receiving vessels for all countries. Exemptions available for PNG, NZ, Singapore, SW Pacific Vessels other than those arriving from China and South Korea can apply for an exemption from the GM MSQ Exemptions available for Livestock trade Additional questions for Singapore arrivals when received within 14 days
01 May	Released Best Practice process Crew Changeovers during COVID-19	Best Practice process and form released to terminals and ports to facilitate Crew Changeovers during COVID-19.	
01 May	Amended streamlined procedures for Reef VTS prior to pilot on board.	Change instigated after a review of the Reef VTS operations with regard to COVID-19. Both Reef VTS and the pilot services will continue to monitor the last port and date of departure from the vessels last port. Reef VTS will only contact the pilot services if a positive answer is given to 'illness' question.	

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7 May	BoatSafe providers able to re-start under conditions.	BoatSafe providers able to offer training and assessments adhering to requirement for Social Distancing requirements ‘as far as practicable’.	
8 May	General Managers Direction issued 5 March (South Korea and China) revoked.	<u>Port of Brisbane and Port of Townsville</u> Nil restrictions on receiving international trading vessels. Additional questions for Singapore arrivals when received within 14 days Specific restrictions relating to vessels from China and South Korea lifted.	<u>All other Ports</u> 14 Day restriction on receiving vessels for all countries. Exemptions available for PNG, NZ, Singapore, SW Pacific Exemptions available for Livestock trade All countries able to apply for an exemption from GM MSQ Additional questions for Singapore arrivals when received within 14 days
15 May	Gladstone aligned with Port of Townsville & Port of Brisbane’s ‘Two Port Policy’ Additional reporting measures applied for vessel arrivals from Japan.	<u>Ports of Brisbane, Townsville, Gladstone, Port Alma and Bundaberg</u> Nil restrictions on receiving all international trading vessels Additional questions for Singapore and Japan arrivals when received within 14 days	<u>All other Ports</u> 14 Day restriction on receiving vessels for all countries. Exemptions available for PNG, NZ, Singapore, SW Pacific Exemptions available for Livestock trade All countries able to apply for an exemption from GM MSQ Additional questions for Japan and Singapore arrivals when received within 14 days
15 May	BoatSafe providers updated as to revised conditions.	BoatSafe providers able to offer training and assessments adhering to requirement for Social Distancing requirements ‘as far as practicable’ and in line with other TMR practical training and assessment schemes.	
22 May	Additional reporting measures applied for Indonesia.	Additional questions for Singapore, Indonesia and Japan arrivals when received within 14 days	

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05 June	Additional reporting measures applied for Philippines. Removed for Japan.	Additional questions for Singapore, Philippines and Indonesia and when received within 14 days
19 June	Implemented 'Code-of-Conduct – Intrastate movement of international crew'.	Published a 'Code of Conduct' to supplement National Cabinet and ABF directive for crew travelling intrastate within Queensland, this provides added protection for regional towns, cities, FIFO workers and supports continued operation of essential maritime supply chain for the duration of COVID.
3 July	CHO implemented protocol for Maritime Crew Changeovers. MSQ published a mandatory checklist to ensure RHM approval of all changeouts.	This Direction has implications for crew changeovers involving non cruise maritime vessels. These changes have established new requirements governing crew changes that provides a sustainable process whilst ensuring effective protection for Queensland communities during this essential process. This process replaces the "best practice guidelines" for crew change overs and "code of conduct" developed by MSQ.
3 July	Additional reporting measures applied for Victoria, Australia.	Additional questions for Singapore, Indonesia and Philippines arrivals when received within 14 days.
7 July	MSQ SHECC Liaison Team stood up to manage impacts of COVID-19 and collaborate with Queensland Health, Maritime industry with regard to boating and shipping issues.	MSQ stood up Liaison Officer to work out of the State Health Emergency Co-ordination Centre and manage outcomes and impacts on boating community, shipping and maritime industry in collaboration with Maritime Safety Queensland and Queensland Health amid COVID-19.
10 July	MSQ ceased providing Essential Maritime Service (EMS) works with letters of support to assist with access to restricted areas.	Effective 3 July 2020, restricted access to remote communities has been lifted. As such, MSQ will cease providing Essential Maritime Service (EMS) workers with letters of support, which were used to assist with gaining access to these designated areas for the purpose of undertaking essential maritime activities. MSQ issued a total of 1099 letters to maritime personnel.
17 July	Superyachts in Queensland able to apply for exemptions	MSQ SHECC Liaison Team working closely with SHECC confirmed Queensland's Chief Health Officer will consider superyacht quarantine exemption applications on a case by case basis.
31 July	Additional reporting measures applied for Sydney, Australia and Japan	Additional questions applied to vessels arriving from Sydney and Japan were added to the list for Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines and Victoria arrivals when received within 14 days.
8 August	Specialist Worker applications applied through MSQ to CHO.	MSQ developed an online process to filter requests for Specialist Workers who have been in a COVID-19 hotspot through to the CHO for specialist workers in the maritime industry who are not maritime crew (such as pilots, specialist technicians).