

Biosecurity Introduction

PrimePort is a Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) approved Port of First Arrival for vessels from overseas. Vessel types, cargos and systems are approved by MPI. Biosecurity New Zealand is part of MPI and is focused on stopping unwanted pests and diseases at the border and eradicating or managing the impact of those already here.

All passengers and crew and cargo must be cleared by NZ Customs and MPI before leaving the port secure area.

Prior to Vessel Arrival

MPI will give direction on vessel and cargo clearances. At least 48 hours before arrival the Advance Notice of Arrival form ([click here](#)) is to be sent to NZ Custom Services by the shipping agent. Details include name and voyage number of vessel, expected time of arrival, wharf name, type of vessel, cargo or passenger discharge. Please direct any questions to your shipping agent.

Cruise Vessel Passengers

Passengers and crew on board cruise vessels will receive a biosecurity message prior to Port arrival. This is generally delivered via the vessel audio system. Food is not to be taken ashore, infringement fines are applicable if food is taken ashore. There are biosecurity amnesty bins (picture below) placed at the gangway and at the entry/exit gate.



Waste

Waste is not to be removed from vessels without MPI approval. PrimePort provides a quarantine waste removal service, this service needs to be pre-arranged via the shipping agent. MPI will inspect the waste prior to giving instructions or approval to PrimePort to remove.

For non-quarantine waste removal, MPI will need to give clearance for discharge.

Approved containers/bins are available to be placed as required around the Port for any biosecurity related operation i.e. devanning operations, vehicle inspection and cleaning.

Fresh Water

Fresh water is available for purchase, please request through your shipping agent.