



**Exemption under the *Public Health (COVID-19 Maritime Quarantine) Order 2020* [NSW]
under the *Public Health Act 2010***

I, Brad Hazzard, the Minister for Health and Medical Research, under clause 7 of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Maritime Quarantine) Order 2020* [NSW] grant the following exemptions from that Order—

- 1) A person who is a crew member of a vessel is exempt from clause 4 of that Order subject to the following conditions:
 - a. the person can only disembark the vessel to undertake essential tasks for the purpose of loading and unloading cargo, vessel maintenance, safety checks and activities, and preparing the vessel for sailing. Essential tasks include, but are not limited to, rigging gangways, reading drafts, connecting ship and shore activities, connecting fresh and fire water, receiving stores and quarantine waste disposal; and
 - b. the person must remain at the closest distance reasonably possible to the vessel necessary to carry out a task referred to above and in any event remain within 13 metres from the wharf the vessel is docked at, or such further distance permitted by the Commissioner of Police, unless it is an emergency; and
 - c. the person must take reasonable steps to ensure the person is not exposed to COVID-19 and to minimise the risk of the spread of COVID-19; and
 - d. the person must return to the vessel immediately after completing a task referred to clause 1) a); and
 - e. the person complies with the directions of the Commissioner of Police in relation to disembarking and subsequent reboarding of the vessel.
- 2) The following persons are exempt from clause 5(1) of the Order:
 - a. a person who is required to board the vessel to carry out repair work and/or maintenance of the vessel;
 - b. a ship agent or ship classification surveyor;
 - c. a member of staff of the Terminal who is required to board the vessel to undertake ship to shore requirements;
 - d. Australian Maritime Safety Authority inspectors;

- e. a person who is required to board the vessel to undertake insurance functions or a cargo surveyor but only if Commissioner of Police has approved the person to board the vessel;
- f. a union official who the Commissioner of Police has approved to board the vessel; and
- g. another person but only if the Commissioner of Police has approved the person boarding the vessel.

3) The exemption at clause 2) is subject to the following conditions:

- a. A person permitted to board a vessel under clause 2) must comply with the directions of the Commissioner of Police in relation to boarding and subsequently disembarking the vessel; and
- b. A person permitted to board a vessel under clause 2) must take reasonable steps to ensure the person is not exposed to COVID-19 and to minimise the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

Note: terms in this exemption have the same meaning as the Order.



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Minister for Health and Medical Research

Dated: 8 April 2020.