Restriction 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.

On 15 May 2020, the Governor-General extended the human biosecurity emergency period for an additional three months, from 17 June to 17 September 2020.

This extension enables the Minister for Health to continue to exercise the emergency powers under the Commonwealth Biosecurity Act to prevent or control the spread of COVID-19.

On 20 May 2020, the Minister for Health extended the restrictions under the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements for Cruise Ships) Determination 2020 for the operation of cruise ships in Australia. This includes:

- Extending to 17 September 2020, the current measures restricting the entry of cruise ships into Australian territory and entry at Australian ports; and
- Continuing the application of these restrictions to cruise ships capable of carrying 100 or more passengers.

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

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