

## **Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan 2020-2030**

### **Pest Free Warrant conditions for commercial transport operators moving people or risk goods to or among islands in the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area**

Application forms to apply for a Pest Free Warrant can be obtained from Auckland Council.

Completed application forms are to be returned to Auckland Council, who will then schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the applicant's business and provide advice on how to meet the Pest Free Warrant requirements set out below.

There is no fee for Pest Free Warrant accreditation.

Pest Free Warrants must be renewed annually.

Pest Free Warrant holders will be subject to random auditing inspections to check compliance.

In order to be accredited a Pest Free Warrant that complies with the Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan 2020-2030, commercial transport operators must meet the following minimum requirements or demonstrate other mitigation measures considered appropriate by a warranted officer. The rationale for any variations to the mitigations measures listed below must be addressed in the Pest Free Warrant assessment.

#### Mitigation measures to minimise risk of moving rodents to islands

1. All commercial transport operators will:
  - a. for each of their sea craft:
    - i. set at least 1 rodent bait station and 1 rat trap per 10 m of craft;
    - ii. set at least 1 mouse trap per 5 m of craft;
    - iii. ensure that each trap or station is baited with effective and appropriate bait at all times;
  - b. for each storage facility of craft:
    - i. set at least 1 rodent bait station and 1 rat trap per 400 m<sup>2</sup> of storage facility;
    - ii. set at least 1 mouse trap per 100 m<sup>2</sup> of storage facility
    - iii. ensure that each trap or station is baited with effective and appropriate bait at all times.
  - c. inspect all stations and traps weekly;
  - d. ensure that the bait for all stations and traps is refreshed with effective and appropriate bait monthly;
  - e. maintain a record of compliance with requirements 1 (c) and (d), including by specifying:
    - i. the actions taken by the commercial operator; and
    - ii. the date when the actions were taken; and
    - iii. the volume of bait taken since last record.
    - iv. Catch records.
  - f. for each of their craft, remove all organic refuse daily for the duration of time of that craft being in port.

### Mitigation measures to minimise risk of moving pathogens and seeds to islands

2. All commercial transport operators will:
  - a. for each of their craft:
    - i. provide at least 1 sturdy brush; and
    - ii. make any brushes provided in accordance with 2 (a) i available to all passengers; and
  - b. ensure that any machinery, vehicles and equipment transported on any of their craft are free of soil, plant material and seeds.

### Mitigation measures to minimise risk of moving ants and plague skinks to islands

3. All commercial transport operators will ensure that for any plant material being moved within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area:
  - a. All soil or other media surrounding that plant is saturated throughout; or
  - b. Any root system on that plant material has been cleaned of any soil prior to transport.
4. All commercial transport operators must for each of their vessels or aircraft immediately notify Auckland Council of any sighting of any ant or plague skink on board that vessel or aircraft.

### General measures

5. All commercial transport operators must provide information to all customers detailing:
  - (i) pest species to watch out for; and
  - (ii) guidance text, supplied by Auckland Council, on biosecurity measures to be taken to reduce the risk of pest spread.
6. Information required by clause 5 must be provided at a minimum via the following channels, where any channel is applicable to the business:
  - (i) on company website; and
  - (ii) on or accompanying any bookings and/or tickets; and
  - (iii) on any invoices.
7. All commercial transport operators must keep records of the nature and volume of goods being moved.

### Exemptions granted under s78 of the Biosecurity Act

1. The New Zealand Defence Force, Maritime Police, Coastguard or emergency services are exempt from requiring a Pest-free Warrant.
2. Commercial transport operators who have a publicly accessible regular schedule that go to, or within 1 nautical mile of, islands within Auckland Council's jurisdiction of the Hauraki Gulf, are exempt from requiring a Pest-free Warrant until 1 April 2021.
3. Operators of charter aircraft or charter vessels that are surveyed for more than 30 persons, or commercial vessels over 20m that move people or goods, that go to, or within 1 nautical

mile of, islands within Auckland Council's jurisdiction of the Hauraki Gulf, are exempt from requiring a Pest-free Warrant until the 1 January 2023.

4. For all other commercial transport operators moving people or goods to or between, or within 1 nautical mile of, islands within Auckland Council's jurisdiction of the Hauraki Gulf, are exempt from requiring a Pest-free Warrant until the 1 January 2024.
5. For purposes of clarity if a commercial transport operator triggers more than one of these clauses (1-4) then only the earlier clause applies.