

## COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ACT 2020

### SECTION 18 AUTHORISATION

1. In accordance with section 18 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (“the Act”), I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield as Director-General of the Ministry of Health, authorise Customs Officers (as defined in section 5 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018), who are employed or engaged by the New Zealand Customs Service (“Customs”), to carry out the functions and powers of an enforcement officer as further described in this authorisation.
2. I am satisfied that Customs Officers are suitably qualified and trained persons.
3. Subject to paragraph 4, I authorise Customs Officers to carry out the following functions and powers of an enforcement officer under the Act:
  - a. the power to give directions under section 21;
  - b. the power to direct persons to provide identifying information under section 23;
  - c. the power to direct persons to produce evidence of compliance with a specified measure under section 23A; and
  - d. the power to issue infringement notices under section 29 in accordance with the prescribed process under section 30.
4. A Customs Officer may carry out the powers and functions of an enforcement officer set out in paragraph 3 of this authorisation in respect of the following actions for the purpose of assisting in the implementation and enforcement of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Air Border) Order 2021 (or any order that modifies, replaces or corresponds to that Order):
  - a. checking compliance with pre-departure testing requirements at the air border, in relation to people arriving in New Zealand;
  - b. checking compliance with the COVID-19 vaccination requirements at the air border, in relation to people arriving in New Zealand;
  - c. checking compliance with traveller pass and traveller declaration requirements at the air border, in relation to people arriving in New Zealand; and
  - d. issuing infringement notices to people who have not complied with pre-departure testing, vaccination, traveller pass and traveller declaration requirements.
5. This authorisation will take effect from **30 June 2022** and will continue to apply until 31 December 2022, unless earlier revoked in accordance with section 18(4) of the Act.

Dated at Wellington \_\_\_\_ June 2022

Dr Ashley Bloomfield  
**Director-General of Health**