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Import Industry Advice Notice

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Declared ports for ship sanitation certification scheme

Who does this notice affect?

All vessel masters, shipping agents and corporations who deal with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) for the ship sanitation certification scheme.

What has changed?

Under section 256 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, the Director of Human Biosecurity may declare ports in Australian territory at which a vessel may be inspected for the purposes of the ship sanitation scheme. After consultation with the Director of Biosecurity, the Director of Human Biosecurity has signed this declaration.

Ship sanitation inspections and issuing of certificates, including issuing of extensions to certificates, can only occur at ports that have been declared by the Director of Human Biosecurity. These are the ports where the department can safely, reliably and regularly perform the ship sanitation scheme service.

Industry members should note that not all first points of entry are ports for the ship sanitation certification scheme.

The following table outlines the ports that have been declared by the Director of Human Biosecurity as ports for ship sanitation certification scheme inspections.

State or territory	Ports
New South Wales	Newcastle Port of Botany Bay Port Kembla Sydney
Victoria	Geelong Melbourne Portland Westernport

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State or territory	Ports
Queensland	Bowen Brisbane Bundaberg Cairns Gladstone Hay Point Mackay Port Alma Port Kennedy Townsville Weipa
Western Australia	Albany Broome Bunbury Dampier Esperance Fremantle Geraldton Port Hedland Port Walcott Wyndham
South Australia	Port Adelaide Port Lincoln
Tasmania	Burnie Devonport Hobart Launceston
Northern Territory	Darwin Melville Bay Milner Bay
Christmas Island	Christmas Island

Further information?

For more information on legislative changes visit: [The Biosecurity Act 2015](#) or contact the Biosecurity Legislation Implementation Office at [New Biosecurity Legislation](#) or call us on 1800 040 629.