

FLINDERS ISLAND SAFE HAVEN BIOSECURITY

VISITING VESSEL REQUIREMENTS

1. Visiting vessels must not have live plants, mulch, soil or live animals on board without written approval from the Flinders Island landowners.
2. Visiting vessels are to be **baited for rodents a minimum of 5 nights prior to arrival at Flinders Island** using bait with an approved active ingredient.
 - a. Approved active ingredients are Brodifacoum or Difenacoum ONLY.
 - b. Baits must be within any use-by dates for the duration of their deployment.
 - c. Wax-block type baits are to be used.
 - i. Examples of baits include (but are not limited to):
 - Ratsak[®] fast action wax blocks;
 - The Big Cheese[®] all-weather block bait; or,
 - Roban[®] rodenticide blockbait.
 - ii. Labels may require baits to be contained within a bait station. Examples of bait stations may include (but are not limited to):
 - Ratsak[®] professional rodent bait station;
 - Ratsak[®] fast action reusable rodent bait station;
 - The Big Cheese[®] rodent bait station; or,
 - The Big Cheese[®] 100g ultra power rat kill bait station.
 - d. Bait/a baited bait station(s) must be placed on each deck.
 - e. All vessels with a registered length equal to or greater than 10m must have a minimum of two baits/baited bait stations placed on each deck.
 - i. The spacing of any two baits/baited bait stations on any deck must not exceed 10m.
 - f. The bait/baited bait station(s) are to be in place for 5 nights before the vessel leaves its port of departure or storage location.
 - g. The bait/baited bait station(s) are to remain in place for the duration of the vessel's voyage and stay in Flinders Island waters.
 - i. Bait/baited bait station(s) may be removed once the vessel has departed Flinders Island and is 1nm or more offshore.
 - h. Any baits placed must be 'fresh' – i.e. fresh/new bait is to be placed 5 days prior to departure and checked daily. Degraded, missing and/or damaged baits are to be replaced as required.

3. Visiting vessels are to set lethal traps for rats a minimum of 5 nights prior to arrival at Flinders Island using an approved style of trap.
 - a. Vessels are to place baited snap trap(s) or other approved kill trap(s) in a suitable area(s) of the vessel.
 - b. Traditional wooden snap traps, plastic snap traps, and electronic lethal traps are accepted.
 - i. An example of each type of trap is:
 - Victor[®] professional rat trap;
 - The Big Cheese[®] ultra power rat trap; and,
 - Ratsak[®] electronic rat trap.
 - c. Trap(s) must be placed on each deck.
 - d. All vessels with a registered length equal to or greater than 10m must have a minimum of two traps placed on each deck.
 - i. The spacing of any two traps on any deck must not exceed 10m.
 - e. The trap(s) must be in place and set/active for 5 nights before the vessel leaves its port of departure.
 - f. The trap(s) must remain in place and active for the duration of the vessel's voyage and stay in Flinders Island waters
 - i. Trap(s) may be removed once the vessel has departed Flinders Island and is 1nm or more offshore.
 - g. Any trap lures must be 'fresh' – i.e. fresh/new lure is to be placed 5 days prior to departure and checked regularly – degraded, missing and/or damaged lures are to be replaced as required.
4. In the 7 days prior to departure, vessels are to be cleaned to an extent that would remove any old/residual pest sign such as (but not limited to): dead invertebrates, and old rodent faeces.
5. Vessels are to properly fit rat guards to any mooring lines, power cables, utility lines, and/or any other lines which connect the vessel to any wharf or mooring point for at least for 5 nights prior to the vessel's departure.
6. Any gangways or other pedestrian/cargo platforms which are used to access the vessel from a wharf are to be raised during hours of darkness for at least for 5 nights prior to the vessel's departure.
7. **The Biosecurity Officer** may request evidence of compliance in relation to any of the above Clauses prior to granting approval for the vessels journey to Flinders Island.
 - a. Photographic evidence of station, trap, and line guard installation(s) is to be made available to **the Biosecurity Officer** if requested.
8. A professional pest controller may undertake any actions as

- prescribed in clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and/or 6.
- a. Service delivery and installations must meet the aforementioned requirements.
 - b. A certificate of completion and supporting photographic evidence of station, trap, and line guard installation(s) are to be made available to **the Biosecurity Officer** upon request.
9. Cargo and provisions intended for transport to Flinders Island are to be inspected and stored as directed prior to loading (see: **<inspection guidelines document>**).
10. The Master of the vessel is to inform **the Biosecurity Officer** of any suspected or actual rodent activity aboard the vessel that occurred or is suspected of having occurred during the 10 days prior to the intended date of departure for Flinders Island.
11. The Master of the vessel is to inform **the Biosecurity Officer** of any suspected of actual rodent activity aboard the vessel immediately if any activity is suspected or detected whilst the vessel is visiting Flinders Island.
12. Visiting vessels are to have an insect knock-down spray aboard and inform **the Biosecurity Officer** of any suspected or actual foreign (to Flinders Island) invertebrate activity aboard the vessel that occurred or is suspected of having occurred during the 10 days prior to arrival at Flinders Island.
- a. Vessel operators are to spray and treat any invertebrates found aboard at any time.
13. The Master of the vessel is to inform **the Biosecurity Officer** of any suspected of actual foreign invertebrate/insect activity aboard the vessel immediately if any activity is suspected or detected whilst the vessel is visiting Flinders Island.
14. The Master of the vessel is to inform **the Biosecurity Officer** of any suspected or actual reptile activity aboard the vessel that occurred or is suspected of having occurred during the 10 days prior to arrival at Flinders Island.
15. The Master of the vessel is to inform **the Biosecurity Officer** of any suspected of actual reptile activity aboard the vessel immediately if any activity is suspected or detected whilst the vessel is visiting Flinders Island.
16. The Master of the vessel is to allow **the Biosecurity Officer** access to all areas of the vessel to conduct inspections as required
- a. Any areas which are deemed unsafe by the Master to access (e.g.

confined spaces) will be exempt from clause 16 unless suitable qualifications or proof of safe work training is provided to the Master.

Clauses 17, 18, 19, and 20 apply to vessels which are intending to land stores, goods, cargo, or luggage that totals over **2 cubic metres** by external volume measurements ashore on Flinders Island. Examples of such operations may include, but are not limited to: commercial charter vessels/voyages, chartered freight operations, and/or private vessels transporting bulk goods to Flinders Island.

17. A suitably trained detection dog is to inspect the vessel and all cargo at least twice.
 - i. Additional inspections are encouraged.
 - a. An initial inspection must occur between 3-7 days prior to the intended date of departure Flinders Island.
 - b. The final inspection must occur on the day of departure for Flinders Island.
 - ii. It is not permissible for the final inspection to be conducted the day before departure (i.e. a period of night time darkness cannot pass between the final inspection and the vessel's departure).
 - c. Exemptions to clause 17 may be granted in exceptional circumstances. The vessel operator may apply for an exemption by e-mailing **the Biosecurity Officer**.

18. Any detection dog and handler used must be a professional operator who operates conservation and/or detection dogs as a professional entity.
 - a. Any detection dog used must be trained in scent detection for *at least* invasive rodents (rats and mice).
 - i. Dogs also trained in reptile and amphibian scent are preferred.

19. Should the detection dog handler determine a pest species to be on board, the vessel is not to depart until absence and/or removal of the pest has been confirmed.
 - i. Departure before this time may lead to refusal to land/land goods on Flinders Island.
 - ii. Methods for determining rodent or pest absence/removal after a positive detection will be determined by **the Biosecurity Officer**.

20. A professional pest controller is to fog/spray the vessel for invertebrates.
 - a. Invertebrate treatment must occur within the 3 days prior to the vessel leaving the port of departure.
 - b. Cargo may also be fogged/sprayed either when loaded or when

alongside the vessel immediately prior to loading.

Exemptions to the above clauses may be granted in exceptional circumstances. All applications for exemption must be made in writing and submitted to **the Biosecurity Officer** at least 30 days before the intended date of the vessel's departure for Flinders Island. Applications must detail how the Master intends to mitigate the risk of pest presence aboard and the introduction of pest species to Flinders Island. No exemptions are approved unless stated explicitly so via official reply from **the Biosecurity Officer**.